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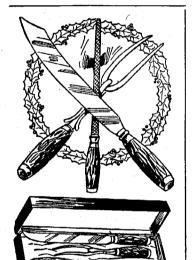
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School Notes

The human race is governed by

According to one of the Senior His tory students Patrick Henry was rather long lifed as he was a leade in the anti-slavery campaign.

Webster pays such strict attention to his own business that some of the science students seem to have for gotten that he occupies a seat in the front of the assembly room.

The 7th. A Arithmetic is having great fun playing with blocks under pretense of figuring out areas of

The High school has several nev yells and songs with which it hopes to cheer the teams on, to even greater success than they achieved last sea

If the Junior's go in the hole thi year giving their "Hop," they expect the orchestra will be able to fish then out as they are all "Fisher" men.

The third victory of this season wa won by the High school boys from the veterans with a score of 19-20. The stars from the teams of the last decade played on the All City team, but every man of the High school team outplayed his opponent.

The High school Orchestra's books nave arrived and work has begun under supervision of Band Master

Mary Pickford because of a specia request made by the Junior class will visit the Grayling Opera house short ly after the holidays

For two days the 7th. A Geography class was the scene of some lively discussions about conditions and the probable effects upon the Geography of the future.

Margaret Graham has received mark of 100% in spelling every day

If any one has a sure cure for va cation fever I am sure that it would be greatly appreciated by the faculty as well as by the students.

Through the efforts of the High school body it is expected that the honor system will be established in the beginning of the new school year.

The College algebra class is study ing probability and chance. They ex pect to determine the kaiser's chances of ever negotiating with any of allied

May Spear Thru Ice in Portage Lake.

In reply to a petition sent the State Game department at Lansing last week, requesting that spearing pike be allowed thru the ice in Portage lake, Commissioner John Baird writes as follows:

Mr. O. P. Schumann, The Crawford Avalanche, Grayling, Michigan.

Dear Sir: --I have your letter of November 15th enclosing petition, relative to the per mitting of spearing through the ice in Portage lake in your county during the mouths of December 1917 and January and February 1918.

I am writing to advise you that two years ago, when the compilation of game and fish laws was made the Attorney General held that the local al law, and therefore it has not been united. since that time. Therefore the general law provides that all kinds of fish, except black bass and trout, may be taken through the ice with a spear during the months of January and February in each year and that five ice-lires may be used for the purpose of taking all kinds of fish, except black said, in his talk from the Temple bass and trout, during the months of December, January and February in each year. As the general law controls at this time any one would have the privilege of using a spear as above during the months of January and February 1918 and may use five icelines during the months of December.

Very truly yours, John Baird, Commissioner

A WOMAN'S BACK.

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RELIEF SPEEDED TO HALIFAX

TWO SPECIAL RED CROSS TRAINS CARRY SUCCOR TO VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION.

Physicians and Nurses Mobilized: Sit uation is in Hand

Washington.-Two special Cross trains carrying the personnel and equipment of an entire base hospital unit, with additional doctors nurses and social workers, foodstuff bedding, clothing and surgical sup-plies, were rushed through New England to the stricken city of Halifax. Special ar-

movement was made by the railroads over which they passed. The two trains were made up One left coaches each. Boston and the other from New York. The base hospital unit was on the Boston train.

In addition that train carried a special medical unit of 25 doctors and and 30 nurses as well as a number of trained social workers. Nurses, doctors and social workers also were aboard the special leaving New York.

Several other trains were also dispatched from New England points with every facility for supplying aid to the stricken city.

Before arrival of the trains, how ever, active work of American Red Cross relief was under way, as workers were on the ground several minutes after the explosion occurred.

What Trains Carried. The following articles valued at more than \$200,000, were carried by the trains; 4,930 pairs of socks and 3,034 pairs of bed socks; 10,080 sweaters; 15,152 pieces of men's. one and children's clothing: 10.

one blankets; 20 cases containing 100
gallons of disinfecting fluid; 20,000
pounds of bandages; 496 cots and a
carload of foodstuffs.

One hundered surgeons and phy sicians, more than 150 nurses and a number of social workers were speedi ly mobilized by the Red Cross.

THEATERS GIVE **RED CROSS AID**

MATINEE PERFORMANCES YIELD SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS FOR MERCY FUND.

Assist in the Promoton of a Philan thropy Made Acute by War's Need.

The heart of the mimic world that throbs so true and resolute in the philanthropies of peace is doubly

Red Cross matinees in the theaters the state last Friday raised substantial amount for the fund. While not a part of the Christmas mem pership drive, the fine co-operation of the theaters, who contributed the en tire receipts of the day, was a fitting

Others Besides Playerfolk. In Detroit it wasn't only the player-folk of the footlights, though, who

published in the game and fish laws Edgar A. Guest and some people of the Arts and Crafts theater, among others, participated in the programs. service khaki of Dr. Inches

brought an air of actuality and realism beyond the compass of painted drop or eloquent word. "Sacrifice is a word of red letters in the lexicon of the Red Cross," he

Theatre stage. Recalls a Night in Italy. "Let me take you to a dark night in Italy. We are coming up a narrow road to a small hopital. There

is a rumbling of big guns talking in thunderous voices, and ahead is a steep mountainside. To pass up the trail one reast go directly through enemy fire.

"Three small Red Cross ambulance are spinning along. "'You're removing some wounded?

asked.

"Oh, no. But there has been a nasty shell-burst up the mountain and we're going to bring back some 19 wounded.' the officer told me. And he said it just as you might say you were going to the river to catch the Windson ferry."

In France, Captain Inches related the former health officer visited a munition factory making 4)5,000 high explosives a day.

"Who was turning them on't? Eight thousand of the finest women France. And I s'aid to myself, 'If that is the spirit of the nation, they may kill France but they never will whip

"Whether we win this war depends on whether we can develop the same spirit. When I left there, they see med to think in England and France the chances of victory were about firty fifty, unless A merica awoke. Russis is out of it; its lay hardly can take cars "If we com't go, we at least car

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Emil Kraus

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The Christmas season is here and this store has hundreds of wonderful bargains for the happy Xmas shopper. Come now and make vour selection, while stocks are complete. We have many useful gifts at most reasonable prices and here are a few suggestions.

FOR HER---

Fur topped Juliets, blue, pink, gray, maroon \$1.50 and taupe

Felt Slippers at \$1.50 Black kid Juliets at 2.25-\$2.50

Handkerchiefs, Fancy Collars, Leather purses—the trim tailored kind that women like so well-just the right size to fit your hand, 75c to \$2.00

Leather Moccasins 1.75 to \$2.75

A blouse represents the sum total of what a woman likes in a gift. Crepe de Chenes, in flesh and white, at \$4.50

FOR HIM---

Felt Slippers

- Hose Supporters

Moccasins Neckties

Handkerchiefs

Leather Romeo Slippers

Suspenders

Scarfs

Sweaters

Silk Hose

Trench Caps

THE STORE OF A THOUSAND GIFTS

The prettiest of all the gifts, so tiny they will almost go in baby's wee stocking. Little knitted sacques, almost like a doll's sacque and as dainty as they can be—white with pink and blue trimmings. They keep them very warm. Bootees to put on their little feet, some almost seven league boots for they come right over their knees and keep them snug as can be—. 25c and 35c.

Handkerchiefs for Ladies and Soc. Silks and Crepe de Chenes, 25, 35 and 50c. Pure Linens in plain and fancies at 10, 25 and 35c. Fancy Muslin Handkerchiefs in all prices.

Handkerchiefs for Men---Cotton and Linen and Silk-10, 15, 25 and 50c

Just the Thing for Children

Little Shopping Bags, Burnt Wood Boxes, Fancy Paste-board Boxes, all containing cute little Handker-

Gloves for ladies' and gents'. Brown and gray kids, Suede and dressed.

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A Pretty Rest Robe for Mother --- Mother would love a rest robe in lavendar, Wistaria, in fact we have all colors.

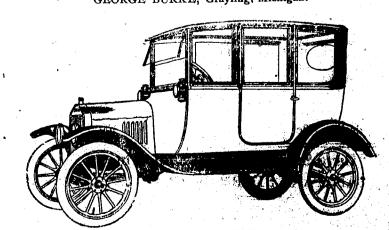
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GEORGE BURKE, Grayling, Michigan.



HISDE PALE OF HUMANITY

which are a penny's worth of wan destruction had been permitted to our, in which the rips means hung

Even Soldlers Horrifled. Some German soldiers, we are glad to see, showed their horror at the foul

deeds committed in Belgium.
"The inhabitants have fied in the vil-lage. It was horrible. There was clot-ted blood on all the beards, and what

dead, 60 in all, were at once buried

Among them were many old women

some old men, and a half-delivered

woman, swful to see; three children

had clasped each other, and died thus. The altar and the vaults of the church are shattered. They had a telephone

there to communicate with the enemy,

This morning, September 2, all the survivors were expelled, and I saw four

little boys carrying a cradle, with a baby five or six months old in it, on two sticks. All this was terrible to

over to pillage; fowls and the rest all

killed. I saw a mother, too, with her

on the head and had lost an eye."

(From the diary of Lance Corporal Paul Spielman of the Ersatz, first bri-

of Liege became mutinous. Forty per-

sons were shot and 15 houses demol-

ished, 10 soldiers shot. The sights here

"On the 23rd of August everything quiet. The inhabitants have so far given in. Seventy students were shot,

200 kept prisoners. Inhabitants returning to Liege.
"August 24. At noon with 36 men on

sentry duty. Sentry duty is A 1, no post

We live like God in Belgium," (From

ninth reserve infantry regiment, Sev-

"Behaved Like Vandals."

"August 6th crossed frontier. Inhab-

"August 23rd, Sunday (between Bir-

nal and Dinant, village of Disonge).

At 11 o'clock the order comes to advance after the artillery has thorough-

were marching in front of us. Near,

small village the latter were fired on

by the inhabitants. About 220 inhab-

itants were shot and the village was

burnt-artillery is continuously shoot-

ing-the village lies in a large ravine.

Just now. six o'clock in the afternoon,

the crossing of the Muas begins near

Dinant . . . All villages, chateaux, and houses are burnt down during this

night. It was a beautiful sight to see

finds only heaps of ruins and many

dead." From the diary of Mathern, Fourth company, Eleventh Jager bat-

All Male Inhabitants Shot.

company, and wounded seven men.

three very severely. At five o'clock we were ordered by the officer in com-

mand of the regiment to shoot all the

male inhabitants of Nomeny, because

the population was foolishly attempt-

ing to stay the advance of the German troops by force of arms. We broke into

the houses, and seized all who resisted.

martial law. The houses which had

not been already destroyed by the

French artillery and our own were set

on fire by us, so that nearly the whole

children, utterly destitute, are herded

together and driven into France." (From the diary of Private Fischer,

Eighth Bayarian regiment of infantry,

Too Many Servants in Britain

Duncan Miller asked the minister of

Thirty-third reserve division.)

"A shell burst near the Eleventh

talion, Marburg.)

"August 24.—In every village one

the fires all round us in the distance.

itants on border very good to us and give us many things. There is no dif-

enth reserve army corps.)

looting."

erence noticeable

In the night the inhabitants

gade of Infantry of the Guard.)

make you cry.

Shot after shot! Thunderbolt after thunderbolt! Everything is given

saw, terrible to behold! The

Frightfulness Taught by German Leaders Belongs to Age of Barbarism.

SOLEMN PLEDGE MERE WORDS

Kaleer's Statesmen Had/No Intentior of Keeping Faith With Their Agreement on International Law -Horrors Told by Diarles.

In giving to the American people the knowledge of German inhumanity in Belgium, says a pamphlet issued by the committee on public information, the evidence is drawn mainly from German and American sources. The German sources include official proclamations and other official utterances, letters and diaries of German soldiers, and quofrom German newspapers. The "Rules for Field Service" of the German army advises each soldier to keer such a diary while on active service

In the wars waged in ancient times it was taken for granted that con-quered peoples might be either killed, or held as slaves; that their property would be taken and that their lands would be devastated. "Vae vic-its!—woe to the conquered!" For two centuries or more there has been a steady advance in introducing ideas of humanity and especially in confining of warfare to the combatants. The ideal seemed to have become so thoroughly established as a part of international law that the powers at The Hague thought it sufficient merely to state the general principles in Article XLVI of the regulations: "Family hon ors and rights, the lives of persons and private property, as well as re-ligious convictions and practice, must be respected. Private property cannot confiscated." Germany, in common with the other powers, solemnly pledged her faith to keep this article, but her military leaders had no intention of doing so. They had been trained in the ideas voiced by Gen. von Hartmann 40 years ago: "Terrorism is seen to be a relatively gentle procedure, useful to keep the masses of the people in a state of obedience." This had been Bismarck's policy, too. According to Moritz Busch, Bismark's er, Bismarck, exasperated by the French resistance, which was still continuing in January, 1871, said:

"If in the territory which we occupy, we cannot supply everything for our troops, from time to time we shall send a flying column into the localities which are recalcitrant. We shall shoot pened a few times, the inhabitants wil finally come to their senses."

Horrors Told in Soldiers' Diaries. The frightfulness taught by the German leaders held full sway in Belgium

This is best seen in the entries in the diaries of the individual German sol-"During the night of August 15-16

Engineer Gr—gave the slarm in the town of Vise. Every one was shot or taken prisoner, and the houses were The prisoners were made to march and keep up with the troops."
(From the diary of noncommissioned officer Reinhold Koehn of the Second battalion of engineers, Third army

"A horrible bath of blood. The whole village burnt, the French thrown into the blazing houses, civilians with the rest." (From the diary of Private Hassemer of the Eighth army corps.)

"In the night of August 18-19 the village of Saint-Mourice was punished for having fired on German soldiers by being burnt to the ground by the German troops (two regiments, the Twelfth landwehr and the Seven-The village was surrounded, men posted about a yard from one an other, so that no one could get out. Then the Unlans set fire to it, house Neither man child could escape; only the greater part of the live stock we carried off, as that could be used. Anyone who ventured to come out was shot down. All the inhabitants left in the village were burnt with the houses." the dlary of Private Karl Scheufele of d Bavarian regiment and landwehr infantry.)

"At ten o'clock in the evening the first battalion of the One hundred and Seventy-eighth marched down the steep incline into the burning village to the hurning village to the north of Dinant A terrific spectacle of ghastly beauty.
At the entrance to the village lay about fifty dead civilians, shot for having fred upon our troops from ambush. In the course of the night many others were also shot, so that we counted over Women and children, lamp in hand, were forced to look on at the horrible scene. We ate our rice later in the midst of the corpses, for we had had nothing since morning. When we searched the houses we found plenty Captain Hamann was drunk." last phrase in shorthand.) (From the diary of Private Philipp of the One Hundred and Seventy-eighth regiment of infantry, Twelfth army corps.)

Writing from Belgium in 1916 Irvin Cobb said: "Briefly what I saw was this: I saw

AS THE WORLD MOVES

Aiment automatic in its operation is a child's swing fentured by nn additional set of ropes that an Iowa man

Meetric control that can be operatthe gran heater designed to warm sev-

eral recon.

Awin bascue bridges, each section of which is of erated separately by elec-tile mulors, but been erected over the wem of a faropoun harbor,

national service, says the London Times, whether his attention has been

called to the number of advertisements for servants in households of one, two or three persons, where seven to ten indoor servants are already kent and ber of indoor servants employed in each household. The minister of n tional service replied that he had already pointed out how essential it is, national interest, that no person should employ more servants than are absolutely necessary. The minsciences of those who have in this respect failed to appreciate their duty will provide an immediate and sufficient remedy. If not, he will tell his

For disinfecting or perfuming the air in rooms an attachment for electric fans has been invented in which

fing that is waved by the fans! French cotton mill men have established a laboratory to determine the percentage of moisture or any abnornal dryness in cotton, that which la

liquids descend from a tank into a

plan in the general statement on man

too dry being regarded us defective.

Dayton, Q., is said to have made more than \$100,000,000 in wer must-Hous manufacture.

wide areas of Beiglum and Prance is MARKATANAN NO.

VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENTS WILL ME ACCEPTED, SECRETARY OF WAR RULES,

cin, is which the flow parts hung unit roughed upon the gardes wells; and I saw dibr wide areas where scarcely one stone had been left to stand upon another; where the fields were rav-aged; where the male rillagers had been shot in squads; where the miser-able survivors had been left to den in holes, like wild heasts." Even Saddiers Horrified.

Mejor General Parker Says Division Waco is Contingent Stated to Go Abroad Next.

Because it seems to be the policy of he war department to interpose great force of Americans to aid in checking the Germans' western drive the earliest possible moment, the ban on married men in the armed forces of the nation has been lifted so far as the volunteer army is concerned.

To permit the enlistment of married men under the same conditions as is provided for single men, army regulations which said this sort of thing should be discouraged, have been suspended, according to a bulle

tin from Secretary of War Baker. That the new order means the re enlistment of many of the 500 guardsmen who were discharged from the Michigan forces last summer because they had dependents is the opinion of officers of the former state guard now training at Waco, Texas. Wisconsin leaders also believe that numbers of trained men in the Badger state will re-entist.

Among the men discharged because they were married and had dependents were many border veterans

Michigan Guardsmen Go Next.

allocated to me. Our occupation, apart from bathing, is eating and drinking. "The place to train troops is near the theater of war, where the boom Archer.
of guns gets into the blood, where A sta the diary of Joh. van der Schoot, reservist of the Tenth company, Thirtythe whir of aeroplanes controlling the sky mingles with the roar of artillery, sky mingles with the roar of artillery, sued by the government and each sol-where personal contact with men who dier is expected to have one. In fact, have been in the thick of the fray it is part of his equipment as much as cause the blood of Americans to run his rifle or pack. faster in their veins. The sooner we "August 17. In the afternoon I had a look at the little chateau belonging

to one of the king's secretaries (not at That is the message Major-General home). Our men had behaved like regular vandals. They had looted the James M. Parker, who is now in command of the Eighty fifth division at cellar first, and then they had turned their attention to the bedrooms and of Michigan when he received the thrown things about all over the place. camp's correspondents. He also added They had even made fruitless efforts to smash the safe open. Everything that Michigan might be proud of the showing made by her boys in the Thirty-second division, now training at was topsy-turvy-magnificent furniture, silk, and even china. That's what happens when the men are allowed to ed as the next contingent of fighters requisition for themselves. I am sure they must have taken away a heap of useless stuff simply for the pleasure of

sion at Camp McArthur," he said "and the people of Michigan may be proud of them also. They have made an excellent showing, after their strenuous course of training, and for that reason their time of movemen to France has been shoved ahead o others who had previously been sched uled to lead them."

up prepared the ground ahead. The Pioneers and Infantry regiment 178 Division Sure to See War.

Some of the medical men at Camp Custer have discovered the reason why so many "phsical unfits" were sent in the last increment.

They charge that some of the local the medics say, evidently caused the this course. boards to grow careless in the first physical examinations.

One army surgeon especially was outspoken in his opinion that a maformy of the people, some local boards ! and many of the selects, believe the drafted soldiers will not see service.

"The sooner that idea is eliminated from their minds the better," he declared emphatically. "So long as it remains it will work against the interests of the country and of the

"The men in Camp Custer are going overseas. They will see active service in the trenches and plenty of it. Parents shouldn't bolster up their hopes with that false thought. Local boards should not foster it. The men order to execute them according to in camp, most of all, should not entertain it. If they do, there will be a rude awakening."

town was reduced to ashes. It is a ter-rible sight when helpless women and Hotelmen Back Up Prescott.

The Michigan Hotelmen's association in the two-day session of its annual convention at Saginaw, pledged its support to the state and national food administrations in the matter of food conservation as a war after hearing an address by State Food

Administrator George A. Prescott.

Mr. Prescott said that 2,200 hotels and restaurants in the state had signed food pledge cards, promising to observe meatless. Tuesdays and wheatless Wednesdays, but that 800 had not, and asked the help of those who had signed to bring the rest in.

Hardwood Firemen in State Employ. The public domain commission has taken over the fire fighting forces for-

merly operated by the Michigan Hard-wood Protective association, with of fices at Gaylord The association will be under state control, state directic Boyne Falls, chief firer warden of the headquarters at Gaylord.

Wheatless Meal a Day Planned.

in Michigan shortly after January 1 to start one wheatless meal a day in addition to the wheatless day a week Food Director Hoover's recent an tion in the maintenance of army motor nouncement that only as the United vehicles. These men will be assigned States reduces its consumption of to other divisions which have less wheat below normal can it supply skilled men of this sort than Camp

Meetless and wheetless days have been introduced in Camp Custsh by the 350th and settlesy. Anis-regiment is the first in tamp to step forth voluntarily and enlist its efforts to the campgain for food conservation.

The army has never been asked to do more than maintain its present food schedule. The theory is that the soldier who gives up all his home con-forts, leaves his business and in ad-STATE GUARD NEXT IN FRANCE dition works like a beaver for eight or ten hours a day should not also b asked to go on reduced rations. The army man lives more simply than half the civilian population as it is. There are mighty few scraps from his table, what few there may be are sold and utilized.

The spirit of the 330th in voluntar ily submitting to the change of ra tions is therefore meeting with com mendation, and it is said that other regiments may daopt the plan.

When several thousand men eat wheatless foods one day in the week and deny themselves meat on anothe day, the total saved in those commodi ties is considerable at the end of a month, as may well be imagined.

The soldiers, however, are not deprived of full meals by the change Substitutes have been adopted which really vary the monotony the food and the new menu is said to be even more popular than the old.

Custer Soldiers Taught to Sing.

The axiom, "A singing army is a winning army," has been adopted by the war department, and when the Custer soldiers march on the trenches they will do so with words of sons on their lips.

And they also have adopted the the ory that "a bird who can sing and won't sing must be made to sing,' company at Camp Custer to devote half an hour a week to singing has been issued, and each month they will sing by companies, battalions, regi ments and brigades for the edification of officers and their teacher, John B

A standard book with half a hundred or more songs in it has been is

And after the war is over we may get our men to France the sooner they will be ready for battle."

And after the wal to wal be a singing nation—men who will go about their work in shops and on a nation. the street to the rhythm of music. Amerca is about the only country in the world where the "closed-mouth" Camp Custer, delivered to the people policy has been insisted on in its orkshops. of Mexico and the cigar factories of Cuba, for instance, the employers of labor bave long recognized the phycho logical effect of music on their workers Waco, because they have been select and employ orchestras to play catchy airs to their employes during worl to so abroad and enter the arena of hours. Result, they have more cheer ful help and their output is increased European employers also believe in their men cheerful and en courage singing and whistling.

CAMP CUSTER NOTES

A class has been opened for intelligence officers. French and British offirers lecture.

Complete uniforms are Issued as rapidly as the men pass their physical xaminations. There are now more than 6,000

orses and mules in this cantonment's remount depots, An English captain has charge of

draft boards thought that the 85th the sulping course in Camp Custer. division would never see war, which The best shots have been selected for

Of the 52 Y, M. C. A. secretaries who constituted the force at the open-ing of camp, 15 have enlisted in the United States army or navy.

The Masonic order has decided not to erect a lodge room at Camp because the Y. M. C. A. is already doing what would be done if a temple were erect

Twelve hundred of the most modern gas masks superior to the best pow used in Europe, have arrived in camp for use in the gas defense service course

Camp Custer now has express service. All the express companies have pooled their interests in the camp, and have constructed a building near the entrance to the electric railway.

Women of Michigan should immediately devote most of their knitting activities for the soldiers, to the making of helmets, gloves or mittens and socks, especially helmets. They are more important than sweaters, muff lers or wristlets.

A card index system has been adopt. ed to record scores made by each man on the rifle ranges. Some of the records are surprising the officers. One fact being rapidly established is that men who never before fired a rifle are heating the records of old hunters shooting enthusiasts. It is plained that many men, experts with way, have acquired habits not easy to change, while the beginner is amendable to instruction.

British and French officers here ar inclined to look askance at the vast amount of entertainment showered on the men. They believe there is too much of the "pink tea" feature in this They believe there is too

Inspectors have visited Camp Cus ter to make an investigation of the and state pay. The men will be diffood served to the men. Methods of rected by William J. Pearson, of preparation, of storage and of handling were noted and both the quality and state. Lee Morford, the present secret the amount supplied are made matters tary of the association, will be given of record. All camps are being ina state commission without pay, with vestigated in the same way under war department orders.

The American army has adopted the system used by the British and French A new food conservation campaign military in designating wounded sol-from house to house is to be started diers by the use of "badges of honor," one for each wound they receive in battle.

A large number of expert automo-bile repair men and mechanics have be a request for one porkless day a been called from the 85th division The new appeal is in line with to attend a special course of instruc-Custer possesses.

Getting a Christmas Suggestion



ALLIED COUNCIL TO DIRECT NAVIES

OPERATIONS AGAINST GERMANY TO BE CONTROLLED BY SINGLE BOARD.

BENSONAND SIMS REPRESENT U.S.

New Arrangement Will Enable Allies to Conduct War with Greatest Possible Efficiency.

Washington.-Creation of an Allied with the Central powers was au-nounced last Friday in a cablegram to the navy department from Admirative William S. Benson in Paris.

Members of the council, established accordance with plans of the interallied conference, will report to their respective governments with recommendations for action.

The council will be composed of the minister of marine and chief of naval staff of each country. In the case of the United States this means Secre tary Daniels and Admiral Benson.

As the meetings must he held in Europe, flag officers designated their governments will represent the in as a member of congress and reing the American payal forces in European waters, will represent Secretary Daniels.

17 AMERICANS DIE AT CAMBRAI

U. S. Engineers Caught in German Advance Reported "Missing".

Washingtno. — Seventeen of the American engineers who dropped their the offices of the United States shovels to pitch into the fighting corporation in Lower Broadway. when they were caught by the German advance in front of Cambrai were reported Sunday as "missing in action."

The toll of these Americans whose bravery, promptness and fine spirit commendatory letter from Gen. eral Haig to General Pershing, was mnunceed by the war department.

Nearly all of them are from New York City or nearby territory. None s from Michigan.

Reports at the time told how, when he German counter attack surged for ward and caught them between the lines, they dropped into shell holes, abandoned railroads they were building and, running close up behind the British lines, waited for the thin British line to surge forward again.

It was known then that there had een some casualties, but Sunday's announcement is the first official confirmation of the fact.

Reported as missing, the men may have been taken prisoners by the Germans. It is feared, however, that few escaped death in the shelltorn, bull-t swept wastes of No Man's Land. if they were unable to rejoin their comrades in the first rush.

"LIGHTLESS NIGHTS" ORDERED ITALIAN LINE STILL INTACT

Cities to Dim "White Ways" Thurs days and Sundays.

fuel administration.

are to see the city "white ways" and of extremely heavy casualties on the advertising signs darkened only nec- part of the Austro-German invaders. essary street lights used and only such lights as the law requires in of.

dimming of electric displays, which the administration says has been a failure.

Boy Burglar Paroled, Must Pay Debt. Hastings.—Judge Smith in circuit court sentenced Arvene Wood, a youthful burglar, to imprisonment for Detroit last week on its way to an six months to 15 years. He then susnended sentence on him for two years. Wood broke into the Hastings Manu facturing company's plant where he and sasoline, and a kitchen truck, for ton in police court. Both testified that stole stamps and blank checks which the men will have most of their meals they had been unable to obeain fuel stole stamps and blank cheeks which the men with the more with the so crudely forged in Grand Rapids prepared by their own cooks. The men and had been forced to pick coal in the that officers arrested him, obtained a are from Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, railroad yards. Several others who confossion and turned him over to Ohio, in charge af Capt. Bennet Ben. Hastings officers. Wood was ordered son and Lieut. O. A. Riley. Other o reimburse the company.

Kent Classifies Coal Deliveries. Grand Rapids-Charles B. Kelsey,

fuel administrator for Kent county, announced the following rules: Re-I as many churches as possible; fuel The camp sits is 12 miles to be furnished first to homes.

BIG SHELL PLANT FOR DETROIT

New Company, With Initial Order for \$30,000,000 Organized.

Detroit.-Detroit capitalists, principally automobile manufacturers, last Friday organized the Detroit Sheil company, capitalized at \$2,000,000, and possessing an initial order for \$30, 000,000 worth of munitions.

The amount of future orders will

Two large plants now vacant are under consideration, but if satisfac-tory arrangements cannot be made, new buildings will be erected Between 8,000 and \$10,000 men will

be employed.

Contested Election Decided in Favor of Ann Arbor Man.

Washington.-Congressman Samue district.

As a result of a contest beginning after the election in November, 1916, congress voted to unseat. Mark P. Bacon, of Wyandotte, and to seat M: Beakes. Mr. Beakes was immediately sworn

members from the United States and ceived congratulations from fellow-Japan. Vice Admiral Sims, command members without regard to party.

U. S. Steel Corporation Boasts Record stroyers. for Enlistments.

stars representing 11,490 employes tered who have enlisted or are otherwise enthe offices of the United States Steel

the companies displaying service flags here and is said to establish a na tional record.

Bell Telephone company flag here displays 6,895 stars.

GREATER FOOD SAVING URGED

New Regulations Recommend Cutting Sugar Consumption in Half.

Washington.—A sugar ration of three pounds for each person a month, a porkless day and one wheatless and Four men in an automobile held up neatless meal a day will be recom the LaGrange State bank, locked mended to householders in & kitchen card soon to be put out by \$25,000. the food administration. Observance A lone robber, armed with a rife of wheatless and meatless meals are on which was a Maxic silencer. asked in addition to the present

wheatless and meatless days. United States has been more than seven pounds a month for each per If the new directions are followed universally, it will cut its use to below half.

Teuton Invaders.

Holds in Spite of Heavy Blows By

London-The Italian line, although Washington.-Two "lightless nights" almost ceaselessly assailed in the week have now been ordered by the neel administration. Sunday and Thursday of every week sion here and there forced at the cost

The Franco-Belgian front is inactive plies held on tracks by car congesexcept for local fighting, mostly due and stores not open for busi to German thrusts here and there delivered with the seeming intention of The new order replaces one which keeping the AngloFrench command parts of the state telling of immediate ecame effective November 9 for the guessing as to the enemy intentions.

a further advance northeast of Jeru-

Munitions Being Sent By Auto. Detroit-Detroit's auto truck train. loaded with munitions, started from Atlantic port. There were 30 trucks, with 78 men and two officers. There trains will probably follow.

Offers Site to Train Polish Army. Lansing.-R. E. Olds, the automobile manufacturer, has offered Ignace Paderewski, the famous planist and comsuch residents to depend upon wood and trained to fight against Germany some school notific for fuel. Shortening of the hours of but who have been threatened with tirely eliminated t Tampa, on Tampa bay.

NO PEACE TALK AT **ALLY CONFERENCE**

COLONEL HOUSE ON RETURN FROM EUROPE. SAYS WAR ONLY WAS DISCUSSED.

SAYS TEAM WORK IS ASSURED

Meeting Got Together Principally on Economic Situation, Food, Embarge and Finance.

New York - Peace was never men. tioned at the allied conference in Paris or at the supreme war council met recently at Versailles, Colonel E. M. House, head of the Ameri ican mission which recently visited England and France, said Saturday on his arrival from Europe.

Mr. House said that the allied con-ference "brought things to a focus."

The allied naval conference, forma-tion of which has just been announced in Washington, is the first result of the meetings of American and representatives of the other allies.

Mr. House said,
"Before the conference," Mr. House asserted, "co-ordination was not going

"But we are working now well together. We sot togeother principally on the economic situation, embargo. be governed only by the length of the food and finance. I regard the trip as

a complete success Mr. House said that the governments must ratify all action taken. He said an announcement of the work accomplished by the American mission might

be expected from Washington soon.

The supreme war council, he said, is a permanent body and the United naval council of all nations at war BEAKES SEATED IN CONGRESS States has a permanent place in it. if it so desires. The matter of Mr. House making another trip to Europe soon is entirely at the disposition of

President Wilson.
"The morale among the people in both Great Britain and France is W. Beakes, of Ann Arbor, assumed his splendid." Mr. House said. "Even seat in the house on December 14, as French pacifists admit that the morale

was never better.
"American interests in Europe are almost paramount."

TWO AUSTRIAN WARSHIPS SUNK

Destroyers Enter Harbor at Trieste to Strike Blow.

Washington -Two of Austria's battleships have fallen victim to the most SERVICE FLAG HAS 11,490 STARS daring naval raid of the war—the forcing of the harbor of Trieste by two intrepid Italian torpedo boat destroyers. A dispatch received at the Italian embassy thus recounts the exploit:

"In the night of December 9-10. New York.—A service flag with Italian torpedo boat destroyers en-Trieste harbor, passing gaged in the nation's war prepara torpedoes at two Austrian battleships, tions has been unfurled in front of one of them being the Monarde. All The flag measures 34 by 54 feet ers were attacked by guns and torpe-and represents the largest number of does, but despite this they returned in the companies displaying constants. five torpedoes exploded. One battle-

SNOW STORM AIDS ROBBERS

Two Daylight Holdups Net Bandits Over \$25,000.

Chicago.-Working in a blinding snowstorm that enabled them to escape without leaving a trace behind, bank bandits staged two daring rob-

new cashier in a vault and escaped with

locked the manager and clerk of the private bank Bruno Pinkert Normal consumption of sugar in the Cicero, a suburb, in a vault and es-

COAL RELIEF PROVES MYTH

Famine Is National.

Lansing.-Relief from the coat shortage, which last week seemed as-sured, has proven a myth and Michtgan now is both desperate and desti-This condition, however, prevalis. practically throughout the nation and National Fuel Administrator Garfield

has redoubled efforts to release sup-

tion. The state administrators office here is flooded with telegrams from all need for coal. Hundreds of towns are prractically without fuel but conditions are such that slight hope of re-

lief can be held out to them. Families Freeze; Steal Coal; Freed. Detroit.-Because their wives and children had suffered from cold at their homes, the cases against Ivan Thompson and Leo Heike, charged with stealing coal from local railroad were two tank trucks, loaded with oil yards, were dismissed by Justice Hesand had been forced to pick coal in the took coal from railroad yards although they had tons of fuel in their bins

Study of German in Disfavor.

were fined.

Lansing-Fred L. Keeler, state su-perintendent of instruction, believes that fewer than half of the students striction of qual deliveries to one ton poser, the free use of a 1,000-acrc in graded schools of the state are for domestic use. Refusal to supply camp site at Oldsmar for the 10,000 studying German, as empared with coal to residents in rural districts. Poles whom Paderewski has recruited last year. Hardly a day passes but tirely eliminated the study. There are billiard and pool rooms and the tem disorganization because of the mabil, no exact figures on other schools, but porary closing of clubs. Saloons to use ity of the war department to provide in schools where students who have no coal for heating purposes. Closing them with winter training quarters, had one year must complète their west of course for credit it is noticed that first-year classes are negligible.



guns of a new model being hurried up to the western front. 3--Highlander in a gas sentry post ready to spread the alarm when the Germans let loose the poisonous fumes.

NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

COSSACKS UNDER KORNILOFF AND KALEDINES FIGHTING THE BOLSHEVIKI.

LENINE'S RULE TOTTERING

Germans Prepare for Great Offensive on Western Front-Haig Repulses Their First Attacks-Italians Still Holding Plave River Line-Our War Preparation Methods Are Being Investigated.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Speculating on what has happened in Russia and what is about to happen has become a favorite occupation the rest of the world. Disputches from Petrograd, where the means of Reims and Verdun. communication are controlled by the bolsheviki, are wholly unreliable, and news from other sources is fragmentary and conflicting. At this writing the facts appear to be about as follows: In southern and southeastern Russia the Cossacks, who stand for law and order, are fighting the bolsheviki forces; in Petrograd and Moscow Lenine and bly, which began its sessions; the Russian armies on the east front, followmanians were forced to accept an arm-Istice by the action of their allies; but the negotiations for peace started by the hoisheviki have run against a snag in the extraordinary demands made by the Germans; many different parts of Russia have declared their independence, and Siberia shows signs of reverting to the rule of the deposed czar; Vladivostok, where are immense quantities of supplies sent by America and the entente allies, is patrolled by Japanese troops, and Harbin is being protected by Chinese soldiers.

If this is a correct statement of conditions at the close of the week, it would be a bold man who would predict the immediate future.

Reports of Battle Contradictory, According to official bolsheviki dispatches from Petrograd, the Cossacks under Korniloff were defeated early in the week near Bielgorod, but another account of the battle said Korniloff routed his opponents, that many of them joined his forces and that he surrounded the others and "dealt with them very drastically." General Kale-Cossack hetman, also is active in southern Russia and it is said to be his hope, with the aid of the al-lies, at least to shut the Germans out of the food-producing part of the coun-

. Wireless reports from Rostov, which did not reach the outside world until Thursday, said Kaledines was besieging that city and that within Rostov Cossacks had been fighting the bolsheviki and destroyed their quarters. At the same time a transport manned by bolsheviki was bombarding the Kaledines forces.

Bitterly disappointing to the holshe-viki must be the German demands made in the peace negotiations, and at this distance it is hard to see what may be the kaiser's purpose in being so severe. His commissioners are reported to have insisted that Germany shall not give up any Russian territory she now occupies; that Petrograd mus be evacuated until peace is concluded; that the Ukraine shall be ceded to Austria-Hungary; that Germany shall fifteen years and German goods shall he admitted to Russia duty free. The armistice, it is said, is to continue for three mouths. Germany seemingly evaded the Russian demand that during its continuance no troops be moved to other fronts, and meanwhile has been transferring hundreds of thousands of soldiers to France and Germans Preparing for Great Attack

All the signs during the early part of the week led to the belief that the Germans were preparing for a supreme effort at some point of the west front Allied aviators observed long motor

rains carrying vast numbers of troops and immense quantities of supplies. and for days the German artillery was excessively active. Various feeling-out movements were undertaken against he French without success, and on Wednesday the Germans made three violent attacks on the British between Bullecourt and Queant. The first two were repulsed and the third gave the possession of an already oblitenemy trench at the apex of the angle

in the British lines. This, of course, was not the main attack planned by Von Hindenburg, who, greatest offensive on the west in two years, with the assistance of many Indeed, some observers predicted that sities. an attempt would be made to smash that part of the line toward Alsace gating. where most of the Americans have delivered against the French between

italian Front Seems Safe. For several days the Austrians, Hungarians and Germans made continuous north of Monte Grappa. The fighting the enemy made slight impression on the Italian line, gaining-a precarious one crowd are maintaining themselves foothold in some positions on Monte to power by using the strong hand, arresting and murdering their opponents and bulldozing the emistional results are lighting with the atmost described are lighting with the atmost described and bulldozing the emistional results. prospect of American help. On Thursday a large number of American aming the arrangement of an armistice. bulance men with their cars left Rome are rapidly disbanding, and the Rou- for the Piave river front. It is interfor the Piave river front. It is interesting to note that the first American shot against Austria was fired by Representative Tinkham of Massachusetts on the lower Playe. On invitation of an Italian officer he sent a big shell hurtling across to the Austrian line, regardless of the fact that if the enemy should capture him he could be executed as a "franc-tireur."

Bearing out the statement that the Centonic effort in Italy has exhausted itself is the welcome news that heavy snow is falling in the mountains at the west end of the front, rendering difficult the further transportation of men The Italians, however, expect to hold the enemy by strength of arms rather than with the aid of na-

The Italian navy is doing its part in the defense and on Sunday eight a torpedo boat flotilla entered the harbor of Trieste and sank two Austrian battleships, one of them being the Wien.

Occupation of Jerusalem.

The occupation of Jerusalem by General Allenby's expedition caused great rejoicing among Christians and Jews of the civilized world. The event has more than a sentimental value, for the possession of the Holy City by the British makes safe the Suez canal and to threaten seriously the Turks to the to threaten seriously the Turks to the he asks everyone to observe. In addi-east and north. In conjunction with tion to the wheatless and meatless the British operations in Mesopo-tamia. Allenby's success in Palestine is very important to the cause of the al-As was predicted, Jerusalem was taken without the necessity of a hombardment, and its captors are adequately protecting the holy places.

In Mesopotamia General Falkenhayn launched his expected offensive, at tacking General Marshall's army with strong force of Turks and Germans. The British were compelled to fall back across the Diala and Edkem rivers with the enemy in pursuit. It is taken for granted that Falkenhayn's intention is to make a great effort to

ecapture Bagdad. Though the number of British vessels sunk by submarines, as reported by the admiralty, was still too large for comfort, those in a position to know assert that the U-boat campaign really has proved a failure and that the submargibles are being destroyed or canbuild them. Moreover, the British shipyards are now turning out almost as nuch tonnage monthly as the Germans destroy and are fast increasing their

Investigating Dilatory Methods The expected and inevitable attack on our methods of war preparation came last week in the form of an investigation by the senate committee on military affairs. Enough of what

quiry are warranted. The brunt falls on the ordnance and quartermaster general's bureaus, though the chiefs of bureaus are not considered personally to blame. The senators want to learn the real causes of the delay in supplying arms, artillery and all other munitions to the nation's fighting forces-a, delay that is admitted and that is usually laid to the old red tape methods of the war department. Congress furnished plenty of money, and it was believed, would soon start his the question is why was it not expend ed quickly and wisely? General Pershing's troops, it appears, have had to Austrian divisions. The British and rely on the British and French for artillery and other supplies, and the men It was taken for granted that some at in the American training camps have least of General Pershing's American been very inadequately furnished with forces would have a part in the battle. rifles, warm clothing and other neces These are only a few of the complaints the committee is investi Secretary Baker's reply to criticism

the committee tearned in the first few

days' work has been made public to

show that the complaints and the in-

been stationed. Others believed the an assertion that America's military main attack of the Germans would be preparations have evoked the admiration of the experts of other ntaions, can searcely be taken as an adequate defense of the methods of his department. In explaining the delay in obtaining machine guns General Crozier, and heavy assaults on the Italians be- | chief of the ordnance bureau, declared tween the Piave and Brenta rivers that Mr. Baker blinself was to blame, The whole thing should and probably was severe and the losses large, but will result in the creation of a real suwar council, and the sooner this is done, the better for America and the world.

The railroad question is claiming much attention of the administration, and President Wilson intimated last on the matter and ask legislation. It appears he does not favor actual gov ernment ownership of the roads, but chine to be used inside the building. rather the creation of an administrator or board of transportation with power to direct the employment of the joint resources of the railways in whatever manner is deemed best for war purposes. Under this plan the roads would be operated by managements and would be guaranteed a fair profit. Leniency for Austro-Hungarians.

In his proclamation of a state of war son announced an unexpectedly lenient policy in the treatment of subjects of the dual kingdom in America. So long as they behave themselves they are as they behave themselves they are left free to reside and labor in the left free to barred zones closed to Germans, and the police and postmasters. This policy was hailed with joy by thou-sands of Czechs, Bohemians and Poles who hate Austria, and also was a great relief feared their industries would be crippled. If the conduct of the Austro-Hungarians shows they do not properly appreciate this leniency, they will be placed under the same restrictions that apply to subjects of Germany.

In prosecuting his campaign for the conservation of food needed for the fighting forces, Mr. Hoover last week porkless day, Saturday, which days, he urges a wheatless and a meatless meal each day. The federal tradcommission having been informed that canned goods are being hoarded in the warehouses of the meat packers, an investigation of this was started at

The coal situation is becoming more and more serious with the increasing-ly cold weather. The administrations of various states are complaining bitterly of the hardship imposed on their people, and in Ohio only the stern intervention of Fuel Administrator Garfield prevented Governor seizing the coal at the lake ports. In the senate the conditions brought out severe criticism of the railroads and of the government priority board. Several more of the American railengineers in France have been

killed, this time by aerial bombs drot

ped by the Germans in a town through

which the engineers were passing. The successful military revolution in Portugal is causing the allied governments some uneasiness, for while the new government set up announced that Portugal would remain faithful to her pledges, the insurrection was directed against the most trusty friends of the allies, and some of them, including President Machado and Premier Costa have been imprisoned. Dr. Sidonio Paes, who led the revolt, has been

"The mothers wear a narrow wedding ring as a sign of their patriotism. The secondary marriage can be ism. The secondary marriage can be temporarily, was captured II officially dissolved as soon as its object has crom here nearly frozen to death.

Muskegon-Wilbur Boyer, Bruish tank driver, has been spending a fur lough with his parents here.

Monroe-William Harris, 35 years old, laborer, was sentenced to 90 days in the Detroit house of correction for beating his wife with a broomstick.

Jackson-Bread prices in Jackson ave been reduced through the eff ris of Charles Dewitt, local food adminis trater, 'rom 10 and 15 cents a loaf to and 12 cents. Saginaw—W. H. Wallace of the Michigan Sugar Co., has been named

stration by George A. Prescott, state food administrator. Cadillac Charles McKenna of 'he psilanti normal, and W. N. Ferris, of Forris Institute, of Big Rapids, will di

tute, which will be held here January

14-15.

field agent of the federal food admin

Traverse City-George Carmien Sny der aged 23, of this city, is the cham pion automobile "borrower" of north ern Michigan, according to authorities. They have traced at least 23 night stealings to him. He sentenced by Judge Mayne, of circuit court, to finish a term of two years at Ionia.

Fremont-Jewell Hewitt, son of Mr and Mrs. Charles Hewitt of this city, a local volunteer in the United States army now in France, sends word to nial Issued by the foreign office that it his parents that the opinion is general aniong the men along the western that the Germans are making firal desperate attempt to break through the Allies' lines, hoping to ference of Scandinavian monarchs consummate this action before a number of American troops will be wallable to aid in turning them back.

oman will receive a salary of \$1,500 a year. Albion.-Local bakeries have elim incted all credit, telephone and deliv.

ery business.

Kalamazoo-The first local police

Yale.-Thomas H. Parkinson, ears old, a member of the state legslature of 1895, is dead. Muskegon,-All local patriotic cam-

paigns will be handled through one or ganization in the future. Allegan.-Circuit Judge Cross

sessed Charles Walker, of Valley, \$108.35 and seven months imprisonment in Ionia for violation of local

Owosso.—After hearing of the capture and escape of his three brothers on the Cambrai front, Oscar lindee left to join the His brothers are with the 16th engineers.

Pontlac-By flashing moving pictures from a platform outside the Methodist church through a window he would soon address congress onto the screen in the auditorium, a charity travelogue was given. The fire marshal would not allow the ma-

Battle Creek-Camp Custer officers are hoping other big hotels will follow the patriotic action of a big Woodward avenue hotel in Detroit which advised it would reduce by one-fifth its regular room rate for the benefit of Custer officers and their families visiting in Detroit.

Pontiac-Ten Detroit detectives and 22 Oakland county men were honorary against Austro-Hungary President Wil- pall bearers at the funeral of Sheriff O. H. P. Green, who shot himself last y tenient objects of So long they are All appointments by the late sheriff.

Deckerville-John Mathieson, cashthey are not required to register with lier of the Farmer's State bank, faces This a charge of embezzling \$25,000. Math-thou- ieson is said to have lost the money in reckless speculations. The standing of the bank is not affected because to many employers who had of the resources of the stockholders among whom are Gov. Sleeper, Frank Hubbard, Sen. Forrester, Carl L. Opp and John Ryan.

Flint .- Twenty two Genesee county doctors are already in government service.

Grand Rapids .-- Mrs. Ida Kellogg, 35 years old, of McCords, is dead as the result of burns received when a can of kerosene exploded in her hands She was attempting to start a fire.

Pontiac.-Oxford farmers have discovered large quantities of beans in threshed stacks and several have rethreshed their stacks. One recov-10. Uneven ripening, is said to be the

Sault Ste. Marie.--Using blank checks which he found in waste paper while firing the jail furnace, Joe Davis, convicted of burglary, forged the name of Sam C. Taylor, county clerk, to two checks totaling \$260.90. The checks were made out to two Chicago firms and were enclosed in letters which ordered jewelry and musical was better for them to give each othinstruments. An attempt was made to smuggle the letters out of the jail the clothing of a prisoner whose sentence had just ended.

Battle Creek-Rudolph Shaur and Stanley Nemizka, two blacksmiths, paid fines for attempting to carry liquor into Camp Custer.

Menominee.-Bernard, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosario Benoit, of Marinette, was burned to death sleeping While the mother was out house an older brother set a broom afire by putting it in the stove and carried it to the child's bed. The bed was quickly ignited and when the mother returned the child was badly burned that is was impossible to save its life.

Greenville.-Four hundred farmers and notato buyers met here to discuss systems of potato grading, as recom mended by the government. Many who say there is no market for No. 2 potatoes, have started a pe tion asking for one-grade system.

Traverse City.-After wandering through the snow all night clad only in light clothing and slippers, Edward Drew, alleged German spy, who es caped from the Traverse City state hospital where he had been confined

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT HAP PENINGS IN FAR OFF NORTHLAND.

Resume of the Most important Events in Sweden, Norway and Denmark-Of Interest to the Scandinavians in America.

DENMARK.

number of organizations in Jylland invited Consul Stousland of Skien, Norway, to lecture on a proposition to start a line of car ferries be tween Fredrikshavn, Denmark, and Norway. given at Aarhus in a large hall, which was packed to its utmost capacity. Mr. Stonsland explained the advantages to be derived from such a line both countries, and the vigorous applause at the close of the lecture proved that his words had fullen on favorable ground. Only one vote was cast against a resolution urging the Danish and Norwegian committee to continue their work for the establishment of such a line. The adoption of the resolution was greeted with ani mated applause.

Indignation was expressed by Dansh newspapers following official de was threat of German seizure of base in Denmark to counterbalance an alleged grant of a similar base in Norway to the allies that caused the con and premiers at Christiania, "We can assure the American press," the Politiken asserted, "that Germany's alleged threat against Denmark was pure invention. It would be agreeable if the American press would not make Denmark the subject of such fantasles, but give better understanding in Denmark's actual and real difficul-

number of marriages has increased in the Danish capital during the war. There was a slight decrease in 1915, but that loss has been nade up. Even in 1915 there was an increase of marriages in one par-ish, "garrison parish." This was due to the fact that a large number of sol-diers entered marriage because the state offered married soldiers. state offered extra pecuniary aid to

The budget for the coming year puts the receipts of the government at about \$52,000,000. The expenditures about \$52,000,000. are put at about \$35,000,000, which would give a surplus of about \$17. would give a surplus of about \$17,-000,000. But as about \$4,000,000 of this amount is to be used for the acquisition of property, the real surplus will be only about \$13,000,000

Several cases of night blindness have been discovered among the children of the training school at Himmel-bjerggaard, Jylland. The allment has also been noticed elsewhere. said to be due to a lack of fats in the food used by the patients. Night blindness in children is apt to develop into complete blindness in the course of time.

The government has put an embargo on the exportation of all kinds of goat skins.

SWEDEN.

A Christmas armistice is urged in a message to all belligerent countries by the Swedish Peace Arbitration so ciety.

The war trade board's terms on which exports of food would be permitted to go to the Scandinavian countries are said by diplomats in Washington cognizant of their nature to be so strict that they expect those nations to refuse them. Norway, Swaden and Denmark are said to feel that is sent to the university library for point asked by the board would force them into the war. The board's terms have been cabled abroad, but no announcement that the three kings of Scandinavia had agreed in conference to mutual aid during the war was taken as forecasting a relection of the terms laid down by the war board. Sweden was first asked to shut off Everything was supposed to be in orentirely the shipment of iron ore to der. One of the attendants was too but only to a degree, which Sweden felt would mean violation of her treaty and contract. That Sweden declined to do, fearing Germany would make it a cause for war. It was said that er what relief they can rather than run the risk of being drawn into the

The Swedish Academy of Antiquities has decided to take the steps suggested by the national antiquarian for the preservation of the remains of the famous castle and astronomical obcorrectory built on the island of Hyeer by Tycho Brahe, the great astrono mer. The buildings were put up during the years 1576-1580. badly neglected, and in less than a hundred years were reduced to mere ruins. to bring to light interesting objects from past ages.

An energetic antirat war has been started in Gothenburg. The board o health has opened stations where the received. A uniform price of a little over three cents is paid for every rat. The richest part of this story is that the fat is extracted from the rats and turned into lu bricating olls.

Doctor Westman, under secretary for foreign affairs, resigned. Westman is alleged to have handled the Luxburg and Cronholm messages for Germany.

The offer of Sweden to mediate between Russia and Germany may prop-erly be regarded as an unfriendly act, according to authorities in interns tional law in Washington, who de-clared that the recognition by Sweden of the bolsheviki government was of itself prejudicial to the interests of the ullies and might be regarded as de liberate hostile, Sweden, it was charged, had "gone out of her way" to ITEMS FROM THE OLD HOME befriend the central powers by offerviki as the national government of Russia when such recognition had not previously been extended by either of the belligerent groups, creating the apner for a selfish interest rather than to promote the cause of peace in the world. Sweden also made the offer and granted recognition of the bolsheviki despite the refusal of the Russian legation at Stockholm to recognize the authority of the maximalists and the repudiation of the usurping bolsheviki by Russian diplomats throughout the world. This circumstance was taken to aggravate the Swedish offense, but it was indicated that there was nothing the allies could do to resent it further than to disclose their displeasure, which, however, would be of little practical effect on account of the restrictions they already have placed on Swedish merce and communications as a re sult of the secret service the Swedish foreign office rendered to Germany un der the protection of Swedish diplo-

NORWAY.

Norway, Sweden and Denmark have

matic immunity.

entered a new agreement to preserve "the utmost neutrality." An official statement announced this result of the conference of the Scandinavian kings and statesmen which took place in Christiania a few days ago. The conference, according to announcement, agreed on "Scandinavian harmony and mutual confidence, regardless of the length of the war, each nation to observe the utmost neutrality and all to assist each other by exchange of merchandise." An agreement was reached on the following points: First— By reason of the harmony existing between the three countries, however long the war may last and whatever form it may take, the cordial relations and mutual confidence of the three kingdoms shall be maintained. Second-In conformity with the pre vious declarations and policies of three countries, It is the full intention of their governments each for itself to observe the utmost degree of neutrality toward all belligerent powers. Third—The desire is expressed reciprocally to aid one another with merchandise during the present difficulties, and special representatives are to meet immediately to facilitate the exchange of merchandise. At meeting there was a discussion in reference to legislation dealing with the relations of foreigners and Scandinavian subjects. An agreement also was reached regarding the continuation of preparatory measures toward safeguarding the common interests of neutrais during and after the war.

national government to collect old dancing tunes and other instrumental music. He has just finished his tour of Satesdalen, where he says he made "rich harvest." Some of the tunes came from Telemarken, that great storehouse of original Norwegian tunes, but they have been modified to suit the taste of the people of Sates-Most of the tunes collected by Mr. Bjorndal, however, are peculiar to Satesdalen, and he was greatly sur-prised to find that so many were the exclusive property of Satesdalen. A large proportion of the tunes are large proportion waltzes. It was high time that the tunes were saved from oblivion. There are but few fiddlers left in the valley. Modern revivals have smashed the fiddles and muzzled the fiddlers. Bjorndal is the only man doing this kind of work in Norway, making it "quite impossible to cover the field," he says. The music that he collects to curtail exports to Germany to the safe keeping. Future ages may find something very valuable in these simple sheets.

Arne Bjorndal has been hired by the

A terrible scandal was avoided just in the nick of time at the recent unveiling of a Greig monument in Bercen. The statue was wrapped in a large piece of oilcloth which was to be dropped at the appropriate moment, entirely the shipment of Iron ore to der. One of the attendants was too Germany. When she explained her impatient, and he pulled a corner of situation the demand was modified. horror! There the famous composes seemed to be standing in his night The statue had been covered with white sheeting, and the commit tee of arrangements had forgotten to Now the sheet was re remove it. moved just in time to prevent the counterfeit of Edvard Grieg from being presented to admiring thousands what appeared to be a night shirt. The construction of a large part of

the heating stoves in use in tianta is of such a character that much of the heat is wasted. To buy a new stove of a more practical con struction nowadays is a very seri-ous matter on account of the abnor mally high price. Johan Skatteboe, young engineer in Christiania, has made a timely invention which he of ters as a cheap way out of the diffi-His invention consists of cast culty. iron plates which are placed in the stoves in such a manner as to increase the circulation of the heat and smoke,

Thorvald Fredriksen of Porsgrund

has invented a new kind of shoe sole. The new article is made of a number of layers of birch bark glued together with a substance made up of several ingredients, two of which are known only to the inventor. Practical tests have proved that the new sole is absolutely watertight, feels warm and comfortable to the foot, and stands good deal of wear. Mr. Fredrikson given the name "clupwile

he invention.

SCOUTS HALT PENNY FAMINE

Uncle Sam has found another real war job for his great army of scout; uniformed boys. They are to be or-ganized into a "penny brigade," and will make one grand charge to help, elieve the penny famine.

No longer need the little lad, brave in his boy scout uniform, watch envy his more fortunate brother who has donned the khaki of his country. He can do his part at home, as he did in the Liberty Loan canvass.

Postmaster W. B. Carlile of Chicago uggests that the young patriots climb up to a certain shelf where rests the penny savings banks of the younger members of the family, usually sacred to the memory of Christmas, and have father or mother change the pennies for dollars, half-dollars, quarters, dimes and nickels. The pennies are to be spent with the butcher, the baker, the grocer and the landlord, or they may be put into circulation in

my other way.

Mr. Carlile believes this outpouring of pennies from the children's banks of the country will be a big lift to Uncle Sam in meeting a problem brought about by conditions due to the war. The post office is feeling the penny shortage the same as all busi-ness houses. The government is unable to coin pennies as fast as they are needed.

SCOUTS ARE FINEST LOYALISTS.

When this affair with the wild men of Berlin is over and we-begin to distribute honors and rewards, something large and magnificent will have to be struck off for the boy scouts, says the Detroit Journal. They are somewhat overshadowed today by their elders, hut their labors, eager and ungrudged, are of high importance.

Is there to be a parade? The boy scouts must be called out to guard the lines and to help the police handle the Is there to be a patriotic Why, there you'll see the meeting? scouts acting as ushers and keeping the entrances cleared. The youngsters not merely march to weariness to further the Liberty loans, but also they ustle for subscriptions themselves. There are no more practical patriots, no Americans more through through American.

It will be a problem to decide what to give the scouts who are giving so greatly of their best. It cannot be anything small.

SCOUTS ALWAYS MAKE GOOD.

"Since the Boy Scouts of America have taken over the responsibility of distributing the food conservation cards, I believe its success is assured,' said a prominent citizen of Birmingham, Ala. "Everything that boy scouts ever have undertaken has proved a great success. The scout organization seems to bring out the very finest qualities in boys, and among the most excellent of these is their feeling of pride in responsibility and determination to

meet that responsibility.
"I never yet have known a scout to fall down on a job or to fail to show up where and when he was expected to. They are a fine army of soldiers and a great bunch to have in behind any phase of the government work that such boys can manage."

ONE BOY SCOUT'S "PRAYER."

Scout A. Page of Chicago, wrote this etter to the Chicago Herald

To the Editor: The prayer I learned at kindergarten runs through my head every morning before I'm fairly awake, The first-line goes all right, but what do you think of the others? They've bothered me a lot.

Now before we work today, We must not forget to pray To God, who kept us through the night And brought us to the morning light.

Help us, Lord, to lick the Kaiser, And make him see he had been wiser Not to wait till he was curled up

To learn he couldn't eat the world up 'Tain't made to eat, he can't digest it ('Tis nasty, too, where Huns infest it,)
So help us, Lord, to whack it to him,
And never stop until we "do" him.

SCOUTS HAVE A THRIFT CLUB.

The Boy Scouts Saving club was organized by Boy Scout Troop No. 32 for all hov scout troops of Milwaukee, Only boy scouts are entitled to make a deposit.

The savings club was organized to encourage the thrift habit, which is part of the scouts' program. The club is in care of the National Exchange bank.

A bank book is issued to each scout that makes a deposit of 50 cents or more and the account draws interest

SCOUTS FIND WHISKY CACHE.

A party of boy scouts on a blke near Dartford, Wash., discovered a cache of whisky and telephoned the police station for instructions. Capt. George to remain there and he would send officers for the liquor.

The police greyhound went out with

detectives and picked up the boys and proceeded to the cache, where they found more than 100 bottles of liquor n seven sacks, which was taken to the station.

SCOUTS HELP Y. M. C. A. FUND.

Thousands of boy scouts qualified in the campaign to secure boys who would be willing to earn ten dollars during the next five months to help a prisoner-of-war, an American soldier or a soldier of our allies. The scouts welhe spirit of helpfulness to others. Not alk, but action, is the r motto. This as part of the big we get to see ite \$55,000,000 for the inner io armies of the wor

URGE POLYGAMY IN GERMANY

Movement to Allow "Secondary Mar With Object of Increasing riages the Nation's Man Power.

A pamphiet urging "secondary mar riages" to increase the nation's "man power" is circulating in Germany. It is called "secondary marriage as the only means for the rapid creation of a new and powerful army and the

elfication of merality." The author, Carl Herman Terges Leadsoff, declares roundly "the conception of immorality is relative," and that "good morals are only what the upper classes of society approve" and gives Germany "the justification in case of necessity to put the stamp of morality upon what today seems immoral.'

The main proposals are: Women who have reached a certain age are called upon to enter into a secondary marriage, supported by per,

sonal inclination Only a married man may be the ob- been obtained."

fect of this inclination, and he mushave the consent of his wife.

made premier and foreign minister.

The offspring of these lawful secondary marriages bear the name of their mother and are handed over to the care of the state, unless the moth er assumes responsibility. to be regarded as fully equal members of society.



In anticipation of this Christmas season we hunted the markets for just such things that would best appeal to Xmas shoppers of Grayling and surrounding country. Every article must contain merit, beauty, usefulness and durability, trash was entirely eliminated. We are only going to mention a few articles in this advertisement, but ask that you come into our store and see the hundreds of fine things for yourself.

Handsome White Ivory Articles Beautiful Cut Glass in many shapes Perfumes of Many Odors and Artistically Bottled. Also in Bulk

A nice lot of Perfumizers--Best out Toilet Waters of every kind Fine Assortment of Fancy Stationery Thermos Bottles--try the Guaranteed Un-

Lowney's and other Candies=-in bulk and Fancy Boxes

breakable Kind

Cigars--all the preferred brands. Also Tobacco Cigarettes and Pipes

Central Drug Store

Crawford Avalanche n. P. Schumann. Editor and Proprietor

Entered as second-class matter at the Postoffice. Grayling, Mich., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 20



United in the Service of our Country.

JUST to think that one man can be the cause of all this misery of the ple, and use every fair effort to crush this monster and the German military circle. Can you learn of the suffering and hardship of our friends across the sea without it bringing to you a heartache? If so it is because you cannot or will not fully understand. Our good American boys have joined their cause of Justice and Humanity. What are we doing here at home? To some, ures, luxuries and comforts remain no difference how much income or their teeth will all fall out of their friends to do the same and then prac- week, Dec. 22, to each customer.

mouths. Then if they don't come to their right senses, they should be inerned, same as a prisoner of war, and kept there until their disloyal influence may be freed from its danger. We have no sons or daughters serving in the war but we have a lot of Crawford county lads in the service and they are entitled to every ounce of help we can give them.

Now don't wait until the sting of

war comes home to you before you get into the harness, and make this war a part of your personal business in real, downright earnestness. Just think of the great suffering among women and children, as well as the soldiers, in Belgium, France, Germany and the other countries due to this wholesale massacre that is going on. President Wilson and congress declared that America must enter the war in the cause of democracy, justice and humanity. It is not for any of us to say they were wrong. They have every means available for learning the truths first hand, and our judgment should be swept aside and every loyal citizen should wholly sup-

You may ask, what can I do? If you don't know what you can do, go to the heads of any of the several lofortunes of war with the boys of Eu- cal committees and offer them your rope, all fighting in the common service. No doubt they will be gladly accepted. There is the Red Cross, Food conservation committee, War their mode of living, their usual pleas- savings committee, Liberty loan, Y. house about the 20th of Dec. from M. C. A. and others. These all have that date tickets will be for sale at the the same as before America entered sub-committees that can use you. greenhouse at the following prices: the war. This is unfair. It makes See that you are a member of the Red Cross and ask your neighbor to join. for ladies \$2.00; for children \$1.00. salary you may have, you owe it to This is National Red cross week. Join Day tickets adults 10 cents; children this Nation to get right down and dig, before Christmas and make this a Red 5 cents. save and sacrifice and dedicate the Cross Christmas. There are many fruits of your savings and earnings to things you can do. Just save a little the cause of war. We believe that more of that wheat flour, a little more every person who wilfully blocks the fats, and a whole lot more sugar Thomas Cassidy of the Model Bake-progress of war in any way should be each week. Doing just a little better ty announces that a pretty calendar brot-up with a halt so sudden that won't hurt any of us. Ask your will be given away Saturday of this

sa what you prisch, parnestly. The 🕎 shildren can make a most patrious sacrifics by leaving out their home-

To sum it all up, let all of us put our houlders to the wheel a little stronger han ever before. Let's fight harder here at home and then on Christmas day when we say our prayers and re member our boys who are doing their part at the front, just breath the mesage that the people here at home are working day and night for their pro-testion, sharing with them their hardships and sufferings, and if necessary will give all we own thus to assure the iccess of the war. We must do this in the interest of that first Christmas message, "Peace on Earth, and good 0. P. S. will toward men."

Will Aid You On Your Income

Tax. up to the taxpayers to hunt up these men, who will be sent into every county seat town and some other towns besides, to meet the people. Post-dinner at Shoppenagon's Inn, Sunday masters, bankers, and newspapers will be able to tell when the government's income tax man will be around, and enjoyed by those present. where to find him. He will answer questions, swear you to the return, who formerly took take your money, and remove the for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

"The Government recognizes," Col-

today, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out come tax returns. It recognizes too, that taxpayers resident at points instruction in the law. Next year, when every married person living with come of \$2000, and every unmarried person not the head of a family and having a net income on the prescribed form, there will be hundreds in every ommunity seeking light on the law, This and every other collection district in the nation will be divided into and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend from 1 to 5 days in each county, very likely in the counwhomse at the county seat town. In cities where there are collector branch offices, he will be there, and in other cities possibly at the city hall. My office will in due time advise postmast ers and bankers and send out notices to newspapers stating when the officer will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have a supply and will leave some with the postmaster and probably with local bankers.

"It may be stated, that "net income s the remainder after subtracting exenses from gross income. Personal family or living expense is not ex pense in meaning of the law, the exemption covering such expenses. The new exemptions of \$1000 and \$2000 will add tens of thousands of taxpayers in this district, as practically every farm er, merchant, tradesman, professional man and salary worker will be required to make return and pay tax. The law requires the taxpayer to seek ou the collector. The taxpayer has to go to the government, and if he does n't within the prescribed time, the gov ernment will go to him, with its penal

Ice Skating Rink.

I am going to open a first class skat ing rink on the flat around the green

Season ticket for gentlemen \$3.00;

Announcement.

Thomas Cassidy of the Model Bake

Local News

John Larson and John Benson are

Miss Dora Sauve of Bay is a gues the Mrs. L. Tetu home over Xmas. We have a nice line of fresh vegetables-lettuce' green onlong, and celery. Leave your orders early. H. Petersen, Grocer.

Mrs. Abraham J. Joseph returned Thursday after having spent some time in Clare, Saginaw and Mt. Pleasant, visiting friends.

The members of the Woman's club enjoyed a thimble party and pot luck Bingham's Monday evening.

Mrs. Herman Doroh was called to The Government is going to send Tawas City Tuesday by the death of ut men to instruct taxpayers in pre- her sister, who passed away in a Bay paring income tax returns. It will be City hospital Sunday. Her little son, Frederick accompanied her.

> Mr. Holger Hanson was host to afternoon. Mr. Fink set up a finely appointed dinner which was greatly

tickets at the moving picture show, wrinkles from your brow. Returns suffered a painful injury Sunday, while cutting down a tree, to be used as a Christmas tree. The hatchet which he was using slipped cutting ector of Internal Revenue Brady said off the greater part of the thumb of his left hand.

The Garment association assisted by the Red Cross committee gave a tea for the benefit of the Red Cross where collectors' offices are not easily Saturday afternoon. Faucy Christaccessible find it hard to get proper mas articles were sold. There was a splendid attendance and receipts amounted to over twenty-eight dollars. wife or husband and having a net in- Much credit is due the young ladies of this association.

Inspector Mrs. James H. Wingard was in Bay City last week, inspecting Circle VanBuren Circle no. 83 of the G. A. R. Mrs. Wingard went from and help in executing their returns. Bay City to Fowlerville where she spent a few days visiting her daughters. She was accompanied home by districts, with the county as the unit, her daughter Edna Moshier, who will remain here indefinitely.

The port of New York is under military control, the water fronts being armed guards prohibit the passage of any person, alien or citizen, who can access to the waterfront areas. The same military control will be estab-lished at all other American ports and may include factories engaged in war

Only five daysbefore Christmas and have you bought your Christmas seals? Call on the boy scouts or the ladies of the Good Fellowship club. They will see that you will get as many stamps parcels, letters, checks, and bills you owe—buy all you can, the money stay: nate, who are afflicted with tubercu losis. So come along and buy a few Red Gross seal agent for Crawford Co

LEGAL ADVISORY BOARD OR GANIZED.

Will Assist Registrants to Make Out Questionnaire.

A legal advisory board has been or ganized in Crawford county for the purpose of aiding registrants in making out their Questionnaire. The latter consists of sixteen pages and many of the questions asked are very complexing, even to the better in formed registrants.

The legal advisory board for Craw ford county consists of the following attorneys: Geo. L. Alexander, O. Palmer, Glenn Smith and Homer L Fitch. With them are associated the

following persons:
O. P. Schumann, Fred R. Welsh, Hardquist, Rev. J. J. Riess, Rev. is going to hurt worst. Mitchell, and Emil Geigling, Miss Anna Nelson, Mrs. Mollie Michelson, and Miss Margrethe Bauman of Grayand Ray Owen, Lovells; J. F. Crane and Oliver B. Scott, South Branch township; and Frank Love, Beaver Creek township.

These persons have pledged their aid free of charge to any registrants out their reports. The questionnaires will be sent each registrant in regular order, 20 each day, and upon receipt of same the registrant will be allowed seven days from the date of issue in which to file his report with the Local

Applicants should fill out the questions as far as they are able before re questing assistance, however before doing so they should carefully read over the instructions on pages 2 and 3. As there is considerable work in making out one of the questionnaires, redistrants are requested to be prompt in making out their reports, to avoid the rush at the last hour. This may avoid possible errors that may result to the disadvantage of the registrant.

Notice.

On and after this date we will open ate on a strictly cash basis no coal will be delivered except on C. O. D. or cash with order. Prevailing conditions necessitate this action.

Dec. 13-1917 J. M. Bunting, Prop

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicine for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

CHRISTMA

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Sincerely appreciative of the part your friendship and patronage has played in our progress we extend to you Christmas Greetings and our sincere good wishes. Salling, Hanson Co.

In accordance with the old holiday custom you will want to remember those of your family and close friends with suitable gifts. Make this Christmas a sensible one and with due regard to the spirit of the times--- Economy. Wearing apparel for ladies', gents' and children is always deemed appropriate and appreciated. For the ladies we have a full line of

Waists, Undergarments, Hosiery, Gloves, Shoes, Slippers

and many other desirable articles

For the men we are offering an extra desirable lot of

Ties-Four-in-Hand and Bows Gloves, Mittens, Shoes, Hosiery and hundreds of other articles

Of course you will want to make the day one that is a little different from the usual daily custom, and the table will want to add its cheer to the family circle. We have taken special care to have on hand all the desirable articles carried in high class grocery departments that may appeal to you for the Christmas dinner

Fruits==We have an excellent lot of choice Fresh Fruits. Also candied and preserved fruits,

Salling, Hanson Co.

The Pioneer Store

The man who wears out his welcome may have some difficulty in getting another one that will fit.—Philadelphia

M'CLARYGRAMS

Too many excuses are an indication of no good reason.

We think some people's good manhave never used them.

Many a man who sets out to place something on a solid foundation, only succeeds in putting it on the rocks.

together and gets four, is a wonder; most of us do this and arrive at a re-

Rudeness is an 'effective pruning-hook; but one can never be sure just where it is going to cut, and whom it

of Michigan, Mr. King says.

Already more than 100 spe

can make herself supremely miseraling; and James A. Kalahar and Chas. ble by thinking what a really good Craven of Frederic; Robert Papenfus time she might be having, if she were having it.

Courtesy is indeed one of the most will be found that the genuine com-mands an immeasurably better price who may need assistance in making than the artificial, cultivated for effect alone,-McClary's Magazine.

FLASHLIGHTS

The difference between a friend and

Mother scolds a good deal about it, but we notice that it he doesn't come in at noon with his clothing mud-covered she thinks something is the matter with him.—Detroit Free Press, but we notice that if he doesn't come

size of his gravestone. It's the modest grave that is visited oftenest. The man who doubts that there's

Don't judge what a man was by the

a hereafter probably doubted once that boats would ever travel under

A clever man probably hasn't more brains than his neighbor. He just makes better use of what he has.

STAR BEAMS

Whiskers show which way the wind

brenk its wings:

The bunko man's income is merely a tax on credulity.

BIG RED CROSS SPEAKERS BUREAU

State Speakers of Prominence Help ing With Christmas Membership Drive.

Detroit -- A which will insure able speakers for every community of Michigan is just one of the campaisn plans which is rapidly nearing perfection, according to an announcement made today at state headquart The person who puts two and two ogether and gets four, is a wonder; speakers' organization has been done ers of the American National Red under the direction of Paul H. King, director of publicity, and the message of the Christmas membership drive

state prominence have been signed A woman who is moderately happy Peninsula, the list including leading business and professional men. De for duty in both the Lower and Upper troit has contributed about half these men, but all sections of the state are represented in the list.

Besides these speakers, there will be a large corps of four minute men courtesty is indeed one of the most be a large corps of four manute mean profitable characteristics one can in every local community. While have. But like everything else, it many of the latter will confine their efforts to brief explanations of the purpose of the drive in motion picture theaters, churches and other like gathering places, many of them, un-der Mr. King's direction will carry the message of the Red Cross Christ. mas membership drive to mass meet-The difference between a friend and ings and other special gatherings an acquaintance is that a friend helps Ward N. Choate, State Chairman, of where an acquaintance merely ad the Four-Minute Men, and the local chairman and members throughout the state are giving splendid co-operation.

"Of course it would be impossible zation is such that, regardless of where the gathering to be held, we will have a capable talker available," said Mr. King, today. "We believe that by sending men but short dist. ances we can cover the entire state on short notice, and stand ready to receive requests from local organiza-tions in any part of Michigan at any

Children as Red Cross Workers.

Children in the public schools throughout the country are to help the cause of the Red Cross. Many of the simple articles and supplies needed in the hospitals will be made in the ordilows.

One way to make an army fly is to portance.

FOR QUICK RESULTS USE OUR WANT COLUMN—The Cost is Small.

ed under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No adv. taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

OR SALE—Steel kitchen Range and dining table. Earl Foland, south side. Address general deliv-ery, Grayling. 12-20-2

OR SALE—One work horse, 11 years old, weight 1300 lbs. Sound and gentle. John Knecht, Sigsbee, Mich.

OR SALE—One new milch cow, cheap. Inquire of F. H. Milks, Grayling.

WORK WANTED—After school and Saturdays, by young man. Inquire of Avalanche office. 12-20-3. OR SALE—Three year old sorrel horse; weight 1250 pounds. Inquire of Mrs. John Hanna, Beaver Creek.

WANTED—Desirable place for girl of nine years to board and go to school, from Sundays to Saturday nights. Write or phone Geo. Brown, Military Reservation.

OOD FOR SALE-Dry Jack-Pine OOD FOR SALE—Dry Jan Phone I long, I short, and I long Ralph Hanna, Beaver Creek, P. O. ft. Grayling.

OR SALE—A plece of land on T-Town road adjoining M. C. R. R. tracks approx 28 acres. I will sell this at a real bargain to close out my interests in this vicinity. Address J. W. Overton, R. F. D. No. 1 Flint Mich.

WO ROOMS—To rent, partly fur-uished. Mrs. O. Corwin:

TRAYED—A black yearling bull with straight horns with a notch on the left ear. Please notify Louis Dellaire, Frederic, Mich. 11-29-3

NICE CLEAN cotton wiping rags wanted at the Avalanche office. Will pay 5 cents per pound.

HOW TO GAVE A BILLION A YEAR

Co-operation Between Wage-Earner and Wage-Payer Will Save an Enormous Loss.

There is an estimated waste of a billion dollars annually in industry in the United States, due to labor trou-bles. This billion dollars could better be employed to the advantage of both the man who hires and the man who is hired. Capital can gain no advantage by fighting labor, and labor can gain no advantage fighting capital The result of the battle is always an expensive draw.

On all sides, however, are to be found evidences that both parties have begun to realise the futility of endless

For CHRISTMAS Sweet Potatoes, lb 10c stone jar --

SUGGESTIONS

Leaf Lettuce, lb 25c Tomatoes, lb 30c Celery, bunch..... 10c Radishes, bunch 5c Grapes, lb----- 15c Bananas, lb ____ 8c Green Peppers 5c each, doz 40c Oranges, doz..... 40c

Grape Fruit, 2 for 25c

Tangerines, doz ___ 40c

Cranberries, qt.... 20c Preserves, tall jar... 45c Jams, Richelieu b'd 35c Jellies, 15c and 25c Marmalades, all k'ds 35c Grape Juice, qt.... 50c Plum and Fig Pudding, lb, can ____ 60c

Mince Meat, 5 lb. Yellow Free Peaches, can _____ 40c Royal Anne Cherries, can---- 45c Pumpkin and Spinach, can _____ 20c Candies allkinds and

Figs and Dates 18c-20c

We Have Special Sales on Some Things Saturday THE SANITARY STORE and OLD MASTER COFFEE

THE SIMPSON CO. GROCERS

This map shows very graphically the number of NEW members which each Red Cross Chapter in the State is expected to secure in the Christman "drive," each chapter to hold its present membership and to secure the num ber indicated in addition. The State is fully organized, each county having one principal chapter and as many branches as it may form. There are 500,000 members of the Red Cross in Michigan today—the goal of the campaign is 750,000 by Christmas Eve. LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELP TO SWELL THE TOTAL.

Date, December1917		
MRS. OLAF MICHELSON, Sec'y., Grayling, Mich.		
I hereby apply for membership in the Crawford County Chapter American Red Cross and enclose \$		
Name		
Address		



This-year we are showing the largest and finest assortment of

XMAS CANDIES

ever shown in town.

We have a complete line of Nuts, Popcorn, Popcorn Balls, Dates and Figs and don't forget to order a box of Barnum's Animals for the children. -We have 200 boxes at the lowest prices.

Our Grocery Department

Is complete and up to-date and we can surely fill your order to the best of satisfaction. Remember we handle a complete line of Bakery Goods fresh every day from HORNKOHL'S BAKERY of Manistee.

P. S .- Make this X mas the happiest one you have had in years by leaving your order at

We will have a complete line of green stuffs for the Holiday trade-Lettuce, Green Onions, etc. Leave your order early.

PETERSEN'S

The store that gives QUALITY, SERVICE, PRICE PHONE ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED



Local News

Barararararararararara GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 20

Make this a Red Cross Christma oin today.

Mr. and Mrs. William McNeven

Miss Odie Sheehy returned Satur lay from a week's stay in Bay City. Charles Abbott of the Lewis Drug

Russell Robertson has returned from

Henry Joseph returned Tuesday ther cities.

Mrs. U. R. Layman, Mrs. Goerge Burke, Misses Celia Callahan and Jessie Reynolds all of Frederic were rayling callers Monday.

You are cordially invited to attend riday night, Dec. 21st music by Clark's full orchestra and band Price 75c per couple.

at the Cosmopolitan restaurant, returned Wednesday of last week to his and a free throw. ne in West Branch.

John Bugbee, employed at the Dutep of his home, last Thursday morung, dislocating one of his shoulders.

Crawford County needs 300 more Red Cross members-Join today, faction, Summary: Apply at Bank of Grayling, Bank o rederic or Mrs. Olaf Michelson, and eceive a Red Cross button and ser-

Red Cross members are requested display their service flags and on Christmas eve place a lighted candle or electric light behind it. If you haven't received yours notify Mrs. Olaf Michelson, secretary, at once,

On a complaint made by sheriff Cody, J. M. Bunting, a local coal lealer was arrested for selling coal short weight. He was tried in justice court before a jury and found guilty, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50.00 and costs, amounting in all to \$72.29. The complaint arose over a load of coal that was delivered to Ernest Richards at the Cosmopolitan | dance, estaurant, Monday December 10, purporting to weigh a ton. Mr. Richards doubted its weight and called sheriff Cody to investigate it. Borrowing a pair of scales sheriff Cody weighed the coal and found that at the time there was only 1292 pounds. The coal was delivered by Clarence VanAmberg, who swore on the stand that there was 2,000 pounds delivered, but said that there was considerable snow and ice in the load, and remarked to Mr. Richards, after an argument over the quantity, that if he waited a couple of days there wouldn't be half a ton, nferring that the ice and snow by that time would be melted. This he stated on the stand, was only said as ioke. He claimed Mr. Bunting directed him that he should not make any allowance for snow and ice. him, after he had been arrested, "he wished he had come and seen him perchaps they could have fixed it up." Mr. VanAmberg said that he was ordered to go and get the coal and for safety. when he got there Mr. Richards stand Mr. Bunting stated that he want- near candles or lights. ed to take it back and weigh it. He The defense based their claims on the dle are a bad combination.

Merry Amas

fact that Mr. Bunting knew nothing of

used by the sheriff might have been

incorrect, and that some of the coal

he will appeal the case to circuit court.

Make it a Merry Xmas and more-a merry year all the way thru-by having HATHAWAY fit you with a pair of his scientifically made glasses. You know the kind. You have heard of

HATHAWAY SERVICE

Give some one in need of glasses an order on us and send a M. O. or a check for \$4.00 or more with instructions, and we will take care of the rest at their convenience.

Yours for service,

C. J. HATAWAY **OPTOMETRIST** and JEWELER

"Do your bit" by conserving your ervous energy thru the use of Hathaway's glasses

Mrs. Will J. Graham returned Bat irday from Bay City after a shor visit with her sister, Miss Cella Si

James Compton of Mullet Lake, left on Tuesday for Detroit, where he expects to enlist, preferably in the avi ation corps.-Cheboygan Democrat Mr. Compton is well-known in this city especially among the railroad employees.

Every postal employee in the United States has been instructed to take an active part in the campaign for the sale of war-savings stamps. In order to reach the desired sales mark of n extended visit with his sister in \$2,000,000,000 by January 1, 1919, it will be necessary to sell sufficient stamps to average \$16.50 for each business trip to Detroit and man, woman, and child in the country. Get your tires and tubes at Burke's garage.

High School Five Defeats All City.

In a fast and rough game at the Carl McMahon has resigned his High school gymnasium Friday evenosition at the local Express office ing, marked by good defensive work and has left for Detroit to make his on the part of the school team, the iome. Louis Burton is filling the High school five defeated the All City, a quintet of veterans, by the score of 20-19. True to advance dope the Band dance at the Temple theatre game was close and rough. It was evident from the opening minutes of the game that foot ball ability was to play an important part in deciding the contest. Playing nip and tuck, the Leo Miller, who has been employed High school aggregation came from the Landsberg store here and lately behind in the final minutes and decided the game with two field baskets

Coach Cane is working the members of the High school team to the limit Pont Co. plant, as time-keeper, had in preparation for their next two the misfortune to fall down the back games with Alpena and Bay City games with Alpena and Bay City Eastern.

Loring referee and Cane as empire randled the game with complete satis-

ALL CITY	HIGH SCHOOL
McDermaidL	. FChamberlin
MilnesR	. FMeilstrup
Johnson	CThompsoh
HewittL	. GPapendick
Shannahan R	. GCase
BurtonU	tilityRoeser

feated the All-City second team 26 to Roeser and McClain starred for the high school and Charlefour for All-City second teams.

Goodfellowship Club Notes.

The club met with Miss Isabel

The meeting was very interesting even though there was a small atten

The roll cail, current events out our present conditions.

Mrs. Marius Hanson read several elections from Edgar Guest.

President Wilson's recent address o congress was read and discussed. The meeting adjourned until Janu.

Some Safety Thoughts For The Xmas Season.

The Christmas season, that period of the year when joy and happiness should reign supreme and gladness should never be dimmed by accidents or adversity is now knocking at our door and will be there almost before

we are ready for it. At this time before we enter into the preparation for the holidays and Sheriff Cody said Mr. Bunting told before the time we will be permitted to participate in the various Christto stop and think quietly just a minute or two over some simple rules

> That Christmas tree. Do not decorate it with flimsy material hung too

Santa Claus bring a little discreclaimed he directed his teamster to tion with you from the far north. deliver a full ton and if there was a Long cotton whiskers and inflamshortage he had no knowledge of it. mable garments and a burning can- Grayling

Do not use decorations near candles the shortage, and also that the scales or too near lights of any kind. Mr. Merchant examine the wiring

which may lead to lights used for nay have been used before the sheriff decorative purposes. Do not leave small children alone weighed it. Mr. Bunting states that

with Christmas trees on which are nung lighted candles. Electricity should be used where possible for decorative purposes.

Cut out where possible the use of flimsy material for decorations. Avoid mechanical toys that require

alcohol or gasoline. Do not use cotton to secure a snow

affect. Mineral wool or asbestos would be better to use in your decorative scheme.

Keep the matches away from the

Caution "Dad" or "Brother" to be careful with their cigar or cigarette

Let the home or the store be warm but look out for over heated stoves

Let's have a Christmas without single thing or regret to mar it.

Benson's Greeting

The spirit of the sesson prompts us to express to you appreciation of our pleasant business relations during the past year and to most heartily wish you health and prosperity for the coming year.

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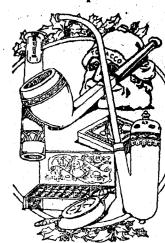
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Safety Razors \$1 to \$5

Yearly Subscrip. tion to any Magazine

Pipes



35c to \$6.00 Each

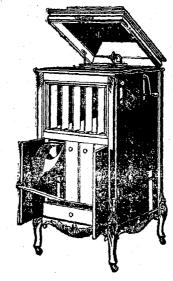
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Cigar and Cigarette Cases

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Eveready Daylos \$1.00 to \$3.25

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FREDERIC NEWS

Merry Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Forbush expect to spend Xmas at Gravling, at the home of the latter's parents, Mrs. J.

The Misses Salome Forbush and Erma Craven, spent Saturday in Johnson.

Mrs. Geo. Horton and Mrs. Gus Shultz, were called to Grayling Tuesday by the serious illness of their

father, Mr. J. Karnes. Miss Mae McDermaid spent Mon day in Gaylord.

The dance given Thursday evening of last week was a great success, and everyone reported a good time

Ask E.P. Earl Barber, third son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber, left last Wednesday to join the Navy. Good luck to Earl.

L. A. Gardner, has returned from a week's visit in Detroit,

Leo and J. Mallat of Waters were n town Saturday evening calling on Miss Bigham and Miss Torbls.

Has everyone heard of the discovery Max Tobin made last week? Sam Courney Jr. is in town this

week. Mrs. Saperston, of Alba visited her sister, Mrs. Abraham this week. Earl and Vern Wallace of Detroit,

will visit their mother Mrs. C. R. Waiace, during the holidays. The teachers expect to leave Eriday night for their homes, to spend

the holidays. James Kalahar, was a Grayling caller, Monday.

Mrs. D. McDermaid and Mrs. Geo. Burke were Grayling callers Satur-

Mrs. H. Seiwell, of Gaylord, was caller here this week. Mrs. B. J. Callahap, and son Ted. nade a business trip to Gaylord Mon-

Miss Paris made a business, trip to Grayling Tuesday.

FOR QUICK RESULTS USE OUR

Ladies' National League Held Annual Election.

Thursday evening, Dec. 6, the various offices for the ensuing year: President-Mrs. Nellie Corwin.

1st Vice president-Mrs. Edna Brown.

2nd Vice president-Mrs. C. P.

Secretary Treasurer-Mrs. Agues Havens. Chaplain-Mrs. Myrtle Corwin. Marshall-Mrs. Emma Knibbs. Asst. Marshall-Mrs. Lizzie Serven Sentinel-Mrs. Lura Collen. Picket-Mrs. Delia Isenhauer

Methodist Episcopal Church Notes. Services are held in the "Danebod" very Sunday. Morning service at 0:30 o'clock. Evening at 7:00 o'clock. 12-13-3.

Notice To Our Subscribers.

Because of business reasons it 's Ladies' National Learne held their scription rate to the Avalanche or reannual election of officers, and the duce the size and quality or take some following were appointed to fill the other action to insure it's financial

Neither of the first two plans appeal to us, and therefore for the present we have decided that beginning January 1, every subscription must be paid in advance. This will eliminate collection expenses and avoid losses that sometimes occur. January 1. all subscriptions not paid in advance will be discontinued. In the future ample notice will be given before your sub-

scription expires. Please observe the date on your address and if your subscription is about to expire, or has expired, renew at once so as not to miss any number One thing we assure is that the quality of the Avalanche will remain the same or improve.

O. P. SCHUMANN,

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To save time and expense it becomes necessary to schedule a time for delivering, as follows:

> Round trip starts ____ 7:00 o'clock a. m. North Side 8:30 "South Side 9:30 " North Side, last trip 10:30 "

AFTERNOON AS FOLLOWS:

North Side 2:30 o'clock p. m. South Side_____3:30 "
North Side, last trip_4:30 "

No deliveries made between these hours

To take effect January 1, 1918.

GAME & BURROWS

Fresh, Salt and Smoked Meats

Phone 126

Grayling, Mich.

The Ciri He Left Behind.

We used to think her frivolous, you know parents are
A little quick to see the faults and petty flaws that mar.
The girl their son is fond of and may choose to make his wife.

choose to make his wife,
A little over-lealons of the one who'd
share his life.

share his life.
But the girl he left behind him when
he bravely marched away.
Has blessomed into beauty that we
see and need today.

A RED CROSS CHRISTMAS



LET YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS BE RED CROSS MEMBERSHIPS THIS YEAR.

it was a happy thought that suggested the idea of combining the spirit of the Red Cross with that of Christmas. Both involve service and sacrifice, helpfulness and humanity. Let us make this a Red Cross Christmas."

-- Governor Siceper's Proclamation.

Doing Nicely at M. A. C.

Just finished studying for tonight,

so I will write you a letter and tell you

about school. Have been so busy for

the last few weeks that I haven't writ

Last week I was initiated into the

bers of this society are all engineers.

For initiation they gave me several

difficult engineering problems to solve

They gave me those problems to solve,

Winter, I think has set in for good

School closes Friday noon, Dec. 21.

The Printer's Night Out! A sale bill bearing the signature of

Will Quit Work" has been going the

ounds of the press and purports to be

a Missouri auction sale, giving evi-

dence of what queer combinations can

be made by a printer who is suffering

from the effects of a night out and

The bill announcing the sale in

Twenty-five good cows, broke to

scoops by side: 8 plano mares: 120 rods

McCormick binder, in foal; Poland

14 head of chickens, with grassed at

tachment, in good working order: 2 J.

l. C. riding helfers, good as new

en by children; 15 billy goats, 70 bush-

other attachments; many other articles

too numerous to mention, which I ex-

pect to get at night between now and

els capacity, with apraying nozzle and

badly pies the galley.

cludes the following list:

Respectfully yours,

Axel J. Peterson.

down here. There is lots of snow and

weather.

Grayling, Mich.

Dear Mr. Hanson:

ten to anyone.

East Lansing, Mich.

Dec. 11, 1917.

RED CROSS WORK SAVES SOLDIERS FOR NEXT SPRING

BECAUSE THEIR FAMILIES ARE CARED FOR.

GENERAL PERSHING CO-OPERATES

American Leader and Gen, Petain Ald in Relieving Distress, Thereby Keeping Up the Morale of the Army.

That the work which the Red Cross is doing in France to alleviate suffering among the families of Frenchmen who are fighting at the front repre-sents a saving of 1,500,000 men is the opinion of William Allen White, noted writer and owner of the Emporia

tary character. It will be carried on by the Red Cross in France, its purpose being to relieve needy conditions are in winter quarters in the trenches at the front.

Comfort Women and Children.

"It is felt by the military officers of both nations that nothing could do to the purposes of the drive, are going more to keep up the morale of the out daily. Posters, eards, services up against privation which otherwise

of no physical use.
"Maj. Grayson, M. P. Murphy of the Red Cross, Gen. Pershing and Gen. Petain of France are working in uni son to perfect the plans for the relief of families of soldiers, the military mmanders believing that it will be It should be kept in mind that every acidier who is saved this winter means the saving of an American boy when the big drive begins next spring. Some American boy will have to take the killed or who breaks down under the

This particular relief work means herefore, that French soldiers will be weed for work in the spring and merican lives will be conserved a some time

CHRISTMAS RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP PLAN COMPLETE

MEN AT FRONT ARE HEARTENED State Organization Ready for Big Campaign-Goal 750,000 By Christmas Eve.

> ng assembled and oiled, the crews instructed and made ready, given to the campaign plans for the big "Christmas Drive" of the Red ly, Monday morning, December 17, the knew about engineering, I sat up of the state organization is to be turned loose on the citizenship of the commonwealth with a membership for the Red Cross of 750,000 people.

(Kan.) Gazette, who has just returned rations made for an enthusiastic, in lege; I chose the Trimora because other they have participated in

prehensive. We hope that every city in the state will have an organization for every one of its blocks of resid the thermometer ence and business places. Tons of publicity literature, designed to educate every last person in the state as French soldiers during the coming flags—everything is ready and awaitwinter than to bring comfort to wom-en and children at home. The soldier's and schools are taking up the work knowledge that his family is being in a most satisfactory manner. Noth well cared for will take a great load ing less than three-quarters of a miloff his mind and hearten him to stand lion members in Michigan will satisfy the state organization, and I'm con night break his spirit and render him fident we will have gained our goal when the campaign closes on Christ.



Lighting the Candle behind Cross on Christmas Eve.

Patronize the Merchants that Advertise, and tell them you saw their ad in the group, the first indication of the dis-Avalanche—it identifies you.

and the state of t

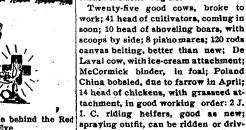
Mr. Rasmus Hanson,

Detroit-The machinery is all be-Trimora Literary Society. The memfinal touches are being cross in Michigan. Beginning official so they could determine how much

"And we're going to win," says was glad. There were four other boys Sidney T. Miller, Chairman of the Michigan Red Cross. We simply must not fall, and with the careful preparations made for an anthresection."

the term's work. I feel confident that "The plans for the drive are com.

work; 41 head of cultivators, coming in



How Prevent Croup. In a child that is subject attacks of case is hoarseness. Give Chamber lain's Cough remedy as soon as the child becomes hourse and the attack may be warded off and all danger, and

auxiety avoided.

esses of some of our Crawford Counboys now in the National army and ther departments. At Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich.: Walter Barton, Co. B, 310th Engieers, Barracks 934.

Lee Schmaltz, Co. I, 337th Inf. William Harger, Co. I, 337th Inf. Samuel Cantrell, Co. I, 337th Inf. Loren Moon, Co. I. 337th Inf. Judson McCormick, Co. I, 337th Inf

rawford County Boys in Service.

Following are the names and ad-

Bat. D. 121st H. F. D.

FRANK LACEY.

William Pagel, Co. I, 337th Inf. Charles A. Hawley, Co. I, 337th Inf. John Middleton, Co. G, 337th Inf. Lemuel Corning, Co. G, 337th Inf. Daniel C. Babbitt, Co. G, 337th Inf. Daniel H. Williams, Co. G, 337th Inf. John D. Lammiman, Co. G, 337th

Ford Middleton, Co. I, 337th Inf. Robert Roblin, Co. G. 337th Inf. Floyd Taylor, Co. G, 337th Inf. Felix Pukysta, Co. G, 337th Inf. Ransom Burgess, Barracks 43, Reg.

A. C. McIntyre, Co. I, 337th Inf.

t Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas.: Corp. Harry Hemmingson, Co. H. 25th U. S. Inf. Corp. Will Laurent, Co. H, 125th U.

Leo. Jorgenson, Battery F, 119th Reg. U. S. F. A.

Arthur Carriveau, Field Hospital, No. 128, 32nd Division Louis Bennett, Co. B, 120th Machine

Shirlaw Dyer, Battery F, 119th Reg U. S. F. A.

Roy Cruickshank, 2nd Battalion Headquarters Detachment. Frank P. Babbitt, Co. H, 125th. Inf

Clyde Hum, Watertown Arsenal, Massachussetts, Det. Enlisted Ordnance Corps National Army Carl G. Johnson, U. S. S. President

rant, New York City. Hardin C. Sweeney, 1st. Lieut. 43rd Inf., Camp Pike, Little Rock, Arkan-

Direct News From Our Soldiers Overseas.

Harriman & Company take pleasure n announcing that the courtesies of the Statistical division of the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D. C., have been extended to them and that, on request they will at any time make inquiries without expense over their private wire to their Washington offices regarding the condition or fate of sick or wounded soldiers from Michigan in active ser from France.

"It is not probable that our army in tensive campaign, I do not see how we can do other than sain success.

France will get into the fighting to any large extent until next spring.

The responses we have had thus far the people of America this winter is of an economic rather than of a military character. It will be carried on the spring of the response of the people of the spring of the response of the spring of the spring of the spring of the response of the spring of the at Harriman & Company's Detroit of fices in person or by letter, not by tel-

FIRST "WAR CHRISTMAS"

It is our first Christmas in the

Millions of our boys are away from their homes, in camps, on the sea, and in the trenches. your Red Cross banner

wave from holly wreath and Christmas green to show that you and yours are enlisted in Light the Red Cross Christmas

candle and let its rays light up the folds of the emblem of mercy; and this:
Bind in inseparable union the
Christmas spirit of service and

the Red Cross mission of hum-The Red Cross has 5,000,000

Members. It needs 15,000,000 Members. That means 10,000,000 new

Tie Makers WANTED

> INQUIRE OF J. H. GROVER

> > Riverview

With Our Soldier Boys At the Various Camp

Letter From Arthur McIntyre. Wednesday Morning,

She was with us at the depot and we turned our backs awhile.
And her eyes were sad and misty though she tried her best to smile.
Then she put her arm 'round mother and it seemed to me as though Camp Custer Dear Editor:and it seemed to me as though
They just grew to love each other for
they shared a common woe,
Now she often comes to see us, and it
seems to me we find
A heap of real comfort in the girl he
left behind. Each week when the Avalanche reaches us we immediately read it from first to last pages and every item four days the time being the 22th to is of great interest. The letters from the boys at Waco and elsewhere are especially interesting as we do not She's so sensible and gentle," mother know when we may be among those

"She's so seasible and gentle," mother said last night to me, "The kind of girl I've often wished and prayed his wife to be; And I like to have her near us, for she understands my sighs, And I see my brave boy smiling when I look into her eyes."

Now the presence of his sweetheart seems to fill our home with joy, She's no longer young and flighty—she's the girl who loves our boy.

FRANK LACEY. the men were reported at the hospital with frozen ears and hands. When one is walking fast with a rifle it's rather hard to keep hands and ears warm, unless one has mittens and a helmet.

There were about a dozen scarfs in that they were frozen.

A good many of the fellows have re ceived sweaters from friends, (Mrs. C. P. Michelson of Mason, Mich. sent ne one and it sure is fine) and those that had no sweaters were given one. keep warm, and some went to bed. Each company received about sixty sent out by the Red Cross. The peo ple back home, I don't believe, know how these are appreciated, but they are prized even more than one might

in barracks. Very little is done outside the school of the soldier and manual of arms. There is a rumor out to the effect that this division will move by February, 1st. or sooner, because the weather is prohibitive of drill.

The new men have their uniforms now and the change it makes in some is remarkable.

We have a banjo, violin and guitar sing or clog, and we have some very to see the change it makes in the men when someone starts to play; some of the men are quite blue and have that bed time. far-away look which is soon lost whe the music starts.

Was over to see Robert Roblin and the rest of the fellows last night but they were to a lecture. Pat O'Reagon was sent to Texas yesterday with bunch from the depot brigade.

I am going to automatic rifle schoo now. Have been for the past month and it's quite funny as we go to school in a little white country school house where not many months ago the 'young ones' learned their A. B. C's. and this morning we go on the range. instead it gets worse with age.

of the course those passing the "exam" is always fresh and size upon arely vill be instructors.

Passes of four days will be issued a Christmas but not all of us get one only 50% being allowed to go and 25%

> Very Sincerely, A. C. McIntyre, \

Co. I, 337 Inf., Camp Custer, Mich

Letter From Leo Jorgensen Camp McArthur.

Mr. Editor. Dear Sir:-- I have not seen any let ters in your paper from the boys that spirits. are at Camp Custer, so I that I would drop you a few lines.

Everything is fine at Camp Mac half day, as we had not enough horaca this will let you know I am alive and Arthur we go out mounted every 3rd we used some of the other batteries' horses and they use some of ours. the store room but these did not go all | Last Friday when we were out mount the way around, and those not have ed, the wind was blowing awfully; on ing any covering for the ears found the way home we had the wind in our faces; it was something fierce.

That night we got orders to put all the fires out of our tents as there was going to be a windstorm. Some of

Next morning it was sure cold, everybody had on their overcoats, and we drilled with them on, so you can imagine how cold it was.

We had a good Thanksgiving dinner: urkey, mashed and sweet potatoes, At present the company is drilling cake, two kinds of pie, coffee, lemon ade, three kinds of fruit and a few more things that goes to make a good dinuer. We only had two meals that day, that was enough.

We have been getting lots of nex horses in our Regiment. We have at present 157 in our Battery and expect to get a few more. That will mean work for us fellows.

I see in your paper where another in our barracks now and each night we bunch of boys left for Camp Custer; tried that it would leave the regiment have a dance or some of the fellows I hope they had as good a time as we did when we left. And that the til a more favorable time. credible performers. It is surprising people of Crawford Co. are doing their I know some very fine people in part for the Y. M. C. A.

Well must close as it is getting nea Yours Truly,

Leo Jorgenson, Bat. F. 119th F. A

Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas. Lieutenant Hardin Sweeney a Camp Pike

Camp Pike, Arkansas,

December, 2, 1917. Dear Mother and all:-

The dull routine proceeds still doing duty as guard and fatigue Yesterday we were out map making squads. Little Rock does not improve It is very interesting and at the end | Margaret's candy was very nice. It | week, Dec. 22, to each customer.

The raisins or figs I could not only a weste.

How are the people of Grayling the first four days and 25% the last standing the war, and draft. The paper is always optimattic. | Everyhere I have been lately seems to ossess a spirit of let's win

I have received everal letters from LieutieDennis; it seems that he has been under German fire several times. In fact I knew we had troops in the trenches before the papers ever menioned the fast.

Thanksgiving was very tame for me. I was under the weather slightly and did not possess very exuberant

The company is still in quarantine, scarlet fever and omeasies. It really

does not amount to very much. There is not very much news. But

Camp Pike, Ark.

Dear mother and all:--

Your letter received some dew days go. Have had plenty of time to answer but must have had a chronic case the boys went to the Y. M. C. A, to of laziness as I have hardly done anything except what was absolutely

necessary. The weather here is nearly as cold as at home. The sunny south has turned cold. The spapers to-day have stated that the Arkansas river was frozen over for the first time in twelve

The regiment continues to do guard duty. It is awful cold to walk post but when I made a midnight inspection the other evening every sentry was a walking post. That shows the moral f the troops is very good.

It is very near the holidays now. Everybody is preparing for them. I intended to put in for a leave in order to come home, but so many others short of officers so decided to wait un-

Little Rock and they have invited me to Xmas dinner so the Holidays will

Drill and training has dropped considerable due to excessive guard duty. So everybody finds an excessive amount of time on their hands. Look for a letter soon.

Your son and brother. -Be sure and address, 43rd Inf. Camp Pike.

Announcement,

Thomas Cassidy of the Model Bakery announces that a pretty calendar will be given away Saturday of this

Our First Christmas in Grayling

This Christmas season finds us nicely located in a fine store building, in the New Hotel block, where we are enabled to extend to our customers a service in Shoes for ladies and gentlemen and Gents' Furnishing Goods that is superior to any in Crawford county.

It gives us much pleasure and pride in our new establishment, when we know that you will at once feel at home here and find that your confidence is growing with each visit. We want to do everything we can to make this your store and so conduct it as to meet your hearty approval. We intend to carry in stock just such quality of merchandise as you desire, and then when you come into our store we want you to have our most careful attention and service.

And we want this Christmas time to be one of good cheer, and through the veil of sorrow that extends from the battle fields of France to the many homes in our fair land, may soon the sunshine of Peace and Happiness be once more beaming. While we are contributing a word of cheer to our bovs in service, let us also add a few words of cheer for the folks at home. We wish you and yours the best that the Yuletide of 1917 may offer.

A Few Sift Suggestions

Christmas is next Tuesday and you will want to remember the folks at home with good, serviceable gifts, and we wish to suggest our lines of

Beautiful Ties Gioves and Mittens Dress and every day Shoes Grips and Trunks shoes on the market.

Dress Shirts Men's Handkerchiefs

Silk Shirts

Many other lines not here mentioned

Comfortable Slippers Elegant and serviceable Hand Bags, Queen Quality Shoes, the most elegant

Max Landsberg



Articles that have a lasting value and extend the joys of Xmas day for the many days that follow. We will help you make every nickle count.

Fountain Pens

The celebrated Schaffer and other well known makes. \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Cameras and Photo Supplies

A camera is a necessary article in every home. It is a history recorder that is reliable and accurate. Buy at least one camera for the home this Xmas.

Books and Magazines

The latest fiction and current publications. Books always make good presents. Read "Over the Top" by Empey. The most popular book of the year.

Stationery

We never had so fine a line of stationery in our store. It is handsome and you will want some. Come soon.

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Our Soda Fountain dispenses many delicious dishes. Try our ice

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Local News

rs. Peter Brown is recovering from soute attack of indigestion.

rom a ten day's visit in Bay City and

We have a special sale on ladie and children's hats. Call in and see us. The Hat Shop.

sell and wife, first of the week. Miss Margaret Joseph arrived Mon-

The Christmas season is again here

Miss Eureka Deckrow and Mr. John Stephan Jr., were united in marriage Friday evening of last week by Rev. Aaron Mitchell. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Deckrow, and Mr. Stepan is the on of Mr. and Mrs. John Stephan Sr.. who reside down the AuSable. The young couple expect to make their

has arranged a "Past Master's Night" for Thursday evening, Dec. 20th, at 7:30 o'clock sharp. Past Masters will be in full charge of the Lodge, two candidates, work third degree; presentation Life membership certificate; presentation of Past Master's apron welve Past masters have agreed to take part; from labor to refreshmen after the work is completed. All

row escape last night when a stranger whom he was taking to the county jail, suddenly jerked away from him and ieliberately fired two shots at him, one bullet striking the officer in the neck just below the right chin and oming out just back of the place it entered. The wound is not a serious one, and after having it dressed by a local surgeon, Mr. Brenner continued on the beat for the remainder of the night. Had it not been for the prompt action of the officer in knocking his assailant down with his club, no doubt there would have been a fatal casualty to report today. The man was landed in jail and will have to answer to a serious charge. He was in town with an extra railroad crew, and yesterday attempted to pass a forged check. Mr. Brenner considers himself fortunate for had the bullet gone a half inch further to the left it would have nit a vital spot.

The CHRISTMAS SEASON of 1917



You must remember the kiddies, for what is childhood without toys? They are necessary to every growing child. They develop imagination and brain power and besides bring joy and enter-

tainment. Yes, toys are a necessity, and heavily of this line.

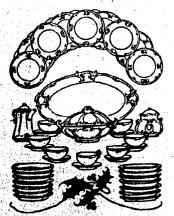
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This is always an excellent gift—remember the home with a few choice pieces. We have a large stock in plain, leather and upholstered chairs and rockers. Dining and living room furniture, bedroom suits, and in fact nearly anything you may want in stock.



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We take special pride in our line of Chinaware. Beautiful pieces and complete sets are awaiting your choice. Several open sets that may be duplicated in single pieces.

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The latest and best in good stories.

Toilet and Manicure Sets

For men and women. And shaving sets for the

Shaving Sets

The above are but a few of the hundreds of things we have to offer you this year and it will be necessary for you to call and see our stock in order to appreciate it.

Sorenson Bros. The Home of Dependable Purniture Grayling, Mich.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 20

Make it a Couklin pen for Xma

Mrs. Guy Pringle returned Monday

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Russell of New berry, visited their son, Wm. E. Rus-

day from her school duties at Mil-waukee, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Joseph.

and the store windows of the various merchants have on their holiday array. Our enterprising merchants are ready to serve the public in their Christmas needs, and almost all have advertisements in this issue making a number of suggestions, especially to the late shopper. Buy at home, and

ome in Grayling.

To close the very eventful Masonic year of 1917, Grayling Lodge No. 356 Masons are requested to be present.

Constable Mike Brenner had a nar-

OFFERINGS

Only three more actual shopping days to do your Christmas gift buying, and this practical gift store still offers you unlimited selections in Holiday goods.

GLOVES

A very appropriate present for anyone.

Men's fine dress gloves \$1.25 to \$3.00.

Wool gloves 35c to

Auto gloves \$1.75

Ladies' dress gloves in washable kid, lined silk, cashmere and

A complete line of children's wool mitts at 25c.

HOSIERY

in silk, wool and cotton.

Men's at 15c to 50c.

Ladies' hose at 25c to \$2.00. A line worth seeing, in silk, in black, white and col-

Children's and infants' stockings in wool or fleeced, at lowest prices.



Very Suitable and Ac= ceptable Gifts for Men

Caps 50c to \$3.50

Comfy Slippers 75c to 2.00

Ties 25c to 1.50

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Suspenders and Garter Sets 50c Bath Robes \$4.00 to 6.00

Flannel Gowns 75c to 1.50

Flannel Pajamas \$1.50

Dress Shirts 75c to 2.00

Hats, Suit Cases and Bags

Silk Shirts \$3.50 Sweaters \$1.00 to 10.00

Handkerchiefs 10c to 50c

Flannel Shirts \$1.00 to 3.50 Mackinaws, Overcoats, Suits,

Don't Forget the Little Ones

A great variety of gifts to choose from. Knit Bootees, Toques, Bonnets, Leggins, Sweaters, Bath Robes. Fancy Ribbons, Mitts, Underwear, Gowns, Felt Slippers, Girls' Coats and Dresses, Boys' Mackinaws and The best line of Shoes in the



The Gifts for Women

are numerous and very pretty

Our showing of Holiday Handkerchiefs is without doubt the largest in the city, ranging from 5c to 50c. Some are packed three and six in a

Very pretty Brassieres and Camisoles in silk and net, 50c to 2.50

Comfy Slippers for house or bou-doir, \$1.25 to 1.75

Boudoir Caps 25c to 2.00

A beautiful line of Holiday Waists in silk and Georgette crepe

Bath Towels, Linen Towels Bags and Purses, Powder Puffs

Pretty new Collars and Ties Flannel Gowns, Muslin Underwear, Blankets and Bed Spreads

Fancy Aprons 25c to \$1.00

Any article purchased at this store that is not satisfactory can be exchanged any time up to January 1, We insist on you being sat-

Grayling Mercantile Co.

NEW IDEA PATTERNS

"THE QUALITY STORE"

PHONE 1251

Local News

Merry Christmas to all our readers. Buy a war certificate at Post offices r banks.

Mrs. A. Hermann is visiting friends t their former home in Onoway. Mrs. Martha Hill is quite ill at h ome with an attack of pleurisy. Mrs. Claude Keyport and daughter

ane, went to Bay City Monday, for a ee yesterday by the serious illness at the South side school, to which par Mrs. J. J. Love was called to Mani-

of a sister. J. W. Overton, of Flint, formerly of this place, was in the city on business the first of the week.

Mrs. Olaf Michelson returned home from Detroit, Monday, after having spent a few days in that city. Round Oak heating stoves and

11-1-tf

Round Oak Chief ranges. 11-1-t F. R. Deckrow. Prices on all hats are being reduced at The Hat Shop. A special line of children's hats, priced at \$1.00 each. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tromble leaves for Royal Oak, Saturday to spend the

Miss Maude Tetu came home from

holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brad-

Fred Narrin has disposed of his reneral store business in Sigma and the family is moving to Lansing.

H. C. Schmidt, who has been confin ed to his home for the past five weeks with illness, is able to be up and around his home. Skating rink open week days till 10

6:30 p. m. Will be closed Christmas eve and all day Christmas. oirs. Wilfred Cohen of Detroit ar rived in the city Tuesday to spend the

bert Kraus and other relatives. There will be a Christmas tree Fri day alternoon Dec. 21 at 1:00 o'clock

holidays visiting her mother Mrs. Al

War savings certificates and thrift stamps should appeal to every person and affords a fine opportunity for the boys and girls to save movey and at the same time help Uncle Sam. Se cure them at post office or banks.

Wilfred Laurent, better known a mong his Grayling friends as "Dago, who was stationed at Camp Custer, was sent Wednesday of last week to Georgia with some troops. They are sent there to assist in the construction of aeroplanes.

The Charity ball, given under the auspices of the Mercy Hospital Aid society Wednesday evening of last week, for the benefit of Grayling Mercy Hospital was a splendid suc-Miss Maude Tetu came home from mercy rospital and a large crowd press. New line of heating stoves just are the holidays with her mother and cut, and the affair netted the society rived. Prices right. Open evenings. about \$85.00.

RED CROSS NOTES

If you are a member of the Red Cross try to scoure two new members c'clock p. m.; Sundays from 2:00 to before Christmas. Michigan wants 750,000. Every mans mite is mighty when he gives it to the Red Cross Your dollar may buy the anesthetic and the surgical dressings that will

ave a soldier's life Join now, at the bank of Grayling, the bank of Frederic, or send your application to Mrs. O. N. Michelson,

Put your service flag in the window on Christmas eve at 7 o'clock. Put a light behind it. Be careful of fire. Proceeds of Saturday tea and sale of articles by the Garment girls club mounted to \$28.00. The school girls and young women of our community are doing splendid work for the coun

The Boy scouts are busy today distributing service flags. Every family having a number is entitled to one with a small cross for each additional memer. If you do not receive one, call Mr. Zaisman.

Crawford county's total membership should be 800, or 20% of its population. Help us "over the top". Join now

You Have Tried The Rest Now Try The Best.

Eat your Christmas dinner at the Allan Cafe. A fine dinner will be prepared suitable for the occasion, quick service, accommodating waiters and reasonable prices. ALLAN'S CAPE

Round Oak heating stoves and Round Oak Chief ranges. F. R. Deckrow.

All Rips Sewed Free of Charge

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The largest and finest selection of Shoe Lacings

Polishes and Dressings... of any store in Grayling.

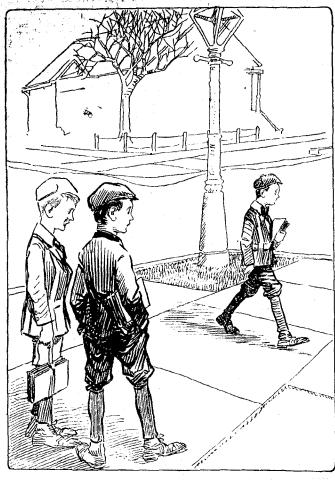
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ORDER OF THE IN-OR-INS

Penrod and Sam Collaborate in Founding a Secret Society By BOOTH TARKINGTON

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There Was Something Different and Spiritual About Georgie

Not only that; Georgie knew that he box and a quantity of lumber, and, about it for ten or twenty minutes at a time, and he could not look at himself in a mirror and remain wholly without emotion. What that emotion was, he would have been unable to put into words, but it helped him to understand that there was a certain noble something about him which other boys did

corgie's mother had been the first to discover that Georgie was a boy set apart. In fact, Georgie did not know it until one day, when he happened to overhear his mother telling his aunts about it. True, he had always understood that he was the best boy in town and he intended to be a minister when he grew up, but he had never before comprehended the full extent of his sanctity, and, from that fraught moonward, he had an almost theatrical sense of his set-apartness.

Penrod Schofield and Sam Williams and the other boys of the neighborhood were conscious that there was something different and spiritual about Georgie, and, though this consciousness of theirs may have been a little obscure, it was none the less actual. That is to say, they knew that Georgie Bassett was a boy set apart, but they did not know that they knew it. Georgie's air and manner at all times demonstrated to them that the thing was sorb d appreciation of Georgies with deriviness from the very fount of it, for Mrs. Bassett's conversation was of something more than partners. long as he did.

Strange as it may seem, no actual it might have been observed in the inviolence was done him except upon the incidental occasion of a tar fight, into of the Caucasian members and in a which he was drawn by an obvious eccreased solemnity and preoccupation which he was drawn by an obvious vector few ceremonial observances exposed centricity on the part of destiny. Nationally, he was not popular with his these latter, Mrs. Williams, happencomraces, in an game, and disregarded, being invariaabout four o'clock one afternoon, found bly the tall-ender in every pastime in which leaders "chose sides;" his countries the description of the strength of the stren slighted as worse than weightless, and all his opinions instantly honted. Still, considering the circumstances fairly and thoughtfuily, it rod Schofield, facing them, was is difficult to deny that his boy companions showed creditable moderation in their treatment of him. That is, they were moderate up to a certain date, even then they did not directly atand even then they did not directly at-tack him—there was nothing cold-blooded about it at all. The thing was forced and them they and though they all blooded about it at all. The tung was forced upon them, and, though they all Saim and Herman and Verman lifted felt pleased and uplifted—while it was happening—they did not understand precisely why. Nothing could more hole in the ground, with the pennon to heart the short. He should have the short. clearly prove their innocence of heart fluttering high above the shack. than this very ignorance, and yet none then raised his own right hand, and of the grown people who inter felt themselves concerned in the matter concert. It was inaudible to Mrs. Wilmas able to look at it in that light. Now, here was a characteristic working the inscription upon the pennon. It of those reactions which produce what consisted of the peculiar phrase, "Inis sometimes called "the injustice of Or-In," done in black paint upon a life," because the grown people were unuslin ground, and consequently seem responsible for the whole affair, and ing to be in need of a blotter. vere really the guilty parties. It was from grown people that Gergle Bassett evening, when she happened to find learned that he was a boy set apart, and the effect upon him was what alienated his friends. Then these alienated friends were brought (by odlous comparisons on the part of grown peo ple) to a condition of mind wherein they suffered dumb annoyance, like a low fever, whenever they heard Georgie's name mentioned, while associntion with his actual person became every day more and more irritating.

And yet, having laid this fuse and having kept it constantly glo ing, the

Georgie Bassett was a boy set apart, had somehow obtained a vasty pian was a boy set apart. He would think summoning Penrod Schofield and the

colored brethren, Herman and Verman, he expounded to them his building plans and offered them shares and benefits in the institution he purposed to found. Acceptance was enthusiastic: straightway the assembly became a union of carpenters all of one mind, and ten days saw the shack not completed but comprehensible. Anybody could tell, by that time, that it was intended for a shack, There was a door on leather hinges;

it drooped, perhaps, but it was a door. There was a window—not a glass one, but, at least, it could be "looked out of," as Sam said. There was a chimncy made of stovepipe, though that was merely decorative, because the cooking was done out of doors in an under-ground "furnace" which the boys excavated. There were pictures pasted on the interior walls, and, hanging from a pail, there was a erayon portrait of Sam's grandfather, which he had brought down from the attic quietly. though, as he said, it "wasn'r any use on earth up there." There were two lame chairs from Penrod's attic. along one wall ran a low and feeble structure intended to serve as a bench or divan. This would come in handy, Sam said, if any of the party "had to lay down or anything," and at a pinch

(such as a meeting of the association) strated to them that the thing was it would serve to sent at the memory so, and, moreover, their mothers abin a row.

For, coincidentally with the development of the more serve to sent at the memory in a row. ment of the shack, the builders became character became the topic of envious gested the founding of a secret order parental comment during moments of or society, as a measure of exclusive the shock so strained patience in many homes, so ness and to keep the shack sacred to that altogether the most remarkable fact to be stated of Georgie Bussett is that he escaped the consequences as the did and satisfactory than even the shack itself. The outward manifestations of

> ing to glance from a rearward window to be a flag-raising before the door of the shack. Sam and Herman and Ver-man stood in attitudes of rigid attention shoulder to shoulder, while Penparently delivering some sort of ex-hortation which he read from a scribbled sheet of foolscap. Concluding this, he lifted from the ground a long

It recurred to her mind, later that herself alone with Sam in the library, and, in merest idle curiosity, she asked:

"Sam, what does 'In-Or-In' mean?" Sam, bending over an arithmetic, un-creased his brow till it became of a lank and marble smoothness.

"What are those words on your flag?"

Sam gave her a long, cold, mystle ook, rose to his feet, and left the with emphasis and dignity.

upon some brotherhoods; so she was able to comprehend Sam's silent with drawal, and 'instead of summoning him back for further questions, she waited uptil he was out of hearing and then began to laugh.

Sam's action was in obedience to one of the rules adopted, at his own suggestion, as a law of the order. Penrod idvocated it warmly. From Margaret he had heard accounts of her friends college and thus had learned much that ought to be done. On the other hand, Herman subscribed to it with reuctance, expressing a decided opinion that if he and Verman were questioned ipon the matter at home and adopted line of conduct required new rule, it would be well for them to depart not only from the room in which the questioning took place but from the house, and hurriedly at that, An' stay away!" he concluded.

Verman, being tongue-tied-not withut advantage in this case, and surely an ideal qualification for membership so apprehensive. He voted with Sam, and Penrod, carrying the

New rules were adopted at every neeting (though it cannot be said that all of them were practicable) for, in uddition to the information possessed by Saus and Penrod, Herman and Ver-men had many ideas of their own, founded upon remarks overheard at home. Both their parents belonged to secret orders, their father to the Innapenent 'Nevolent lodge (so stated by Herman) and their mother to the Order of White Doves.

From these and other sources, Pen-rod found no difficulty in compiling material for what came to be known as the "rixual;" and it was the rixual he was reading to the members when Mrs. Williams happened to observe the ceremonial raising of the emblem of the order

The rixual contained the oath, a key to the secret language, or code (devised by Penrod for use in uncertain emergencies), and passwords for admission to the shack, also instructions for recognizing a brother member in the dark, and a rather alarming sketch of the things to be done during the initiation of a candidate.

This last was employed for the bene-it of Master Roderick Magsworth Bitts, Jr., on the Saturday following he flag-raising. He presented himself n Sam's yard, not for initiation, indeed-having no previous knowledge of the Society of the In-Or-In-but for general purposes of sport and pastime At first sight of the shack he expressed anticipations of pleasure, adding some suggestions for improving the architectural effect. Being prevented, however, from entering, and even from standing in the vicinity of the sacred building, he plaintively demanded an explanation; whereupon he was commanded to withdraw to the front yard for a time, and the members held meeting in the shack. Roddy was elected and consented to undergo the initia-

He was not the only new member that day. A short time after Roddy had been taken into the shack for the reading of the rixual and other cere-monies, little Maurice Levy, entered the Williams' gate and strolled round to surprised and delighted to behold the promising shack, and, like Roddy, en-tertained fair hopes for the future.

The door of the shock was closed; a board covered the window, but a murmur of voices came from within Maurice stole close and listened. Through a crack he could see the flicker of a candle-flame, and he heard the voice of Penrod Schofield: "Roddy Bitts, do you solemnly

swear?"
"Well, all right," said the voice of

Roddy, somewhat breathless, "How many fingers you see before

rour eyes?" "Can't see any " Roddy returned

"How could I, with this thing over my eyes, and laying down on my stumnick anyway?"

announced in solemn tones. "The time Evidently a broad and flat imple-

ent was thereupon applied to Roddy. "Ow!" complained the candidate. "No noise!" said Penrod sternly, and "Roddy Bitts must now say the oath.

"I solemnly swent--" said Roddy.
"To keep the secrets-"

"To keep the secrets-" Roddy re-"To keep the secrets in infadelaty

"What?" Roddy naturally inquired. "Ow!" cried Roddy, "That's no

and violate and sanctuary."

fair! "You got to say just what I say," Penrod was heard informing him.
"That's the rixual, and anyway, even
if you do get it right, Verman's got to hit you every now and then, because hat's part of the rixual, too. Now go on and say it. 'I solemnly swear to seen the secrets in infadelaty and vio-

ate and sanctuary." "I solemnly swear"-Roddy began, But Maurice Levy was tired of being no party to such fascinating proceedngs, and he began to hammer upon

"Sma! Sam Williams!" he shouted 'Lemme in there! I know lots about nishiatin'. Lemme in!"

The door was flung open, revealing Roddy Bitts blindfolded and bound, lying face down upon the floor of the shack; but Maurice had only a fugitive glimpse of this pathetic figure before he, too, was recumbent. Four boys flung themselves indignantly upon him and bore him to earth.

"Hi!" he squealed, "What you doin" Haven't you got any sense?

And, from within the shack, Roddy added his own protest,

"Let me up, can't you?" he cried. "I got to see what's goin' on out there, haven't I? I guess I'm not goin' to lay here all day! What you think I'm made of?"

"You hush up!" Penrod commanded This is a nice biznuss." he continued. deeply aggrieved. "What kind of a hishiation do you expect this is, any

"Well, here's Maurice Levy gone and seen part of the secrets," said Sam, in n voice of equal plaintiveness, "Yes; and I bet he was listenin' out here too!"
"Lemme up!" begged Maurice, half

stifled. "I didn't do any harm to your old secrets, did I? Anyways, I just as soon be 'nishiated myself. I ain't afraid. So if you inshinte me, what difference will it make if I did bear a little?"

Struck with this idea, which seemed reasonable, Penrod obtained silence from every one except Roddy, and it was decided to allow Maurice to rise and retire to the front yard. The brother members then withdrew within the shack, elected Maurice to the fellowship, and completed the initiation

of Mr. Bitts. After that, Maurice was summoned and underwent the ordeal with fortitude, though the newest brother-still tingling with his own exparts of the rixual unprecedentedly se-

Once endowed with full membership. Maurice and Roddy accepted the ob-ligations and privileges of the order with enthusiasm. Both interested themselves immediately in improvements for the shack, and made excursions to their homes to obtain materials. Roddy returned with a pair of lensless mother-of-pearl opera glasses, a contribution which led to the creation of a new office, called the "warner." It was his duty to climb upon the back fence once every fifteen minutes and search the horizon for intruders or "anybody that hasn't got any hiznuss around here." This post proved so popular, at first, that it was found necessary to provide for rotation in office, and to shorten the interval from fifteen minutes to an indefinite but much briefer period, determined principally by argument between the in

numbent and his successor. And Maurice Levy contributed a device so pleasant and so necessary to the prevention of interruption during neetings, that Penrod and Sam wondered why they had not thought of h themselves long before. It consisted of about twenty-five feet of garden hose in fair condition. One end was introduced into the shack through "Then the time has come." Penrod a knothole, and the other was secured by wire, round the faucet of a hydrani in the stable. Thus, if members of the order were assailed by thirst during an important session, or in the course of in Initiation, it would not be necessary for them all to leave the shack. could go, instead, and when he had Roddy Bitts must now say.

Say exackly what I say, the members in the shack could drink Roddy, and if you don't—well, you berwill, y and though it did prove necessary to explain by shouting outside the tube

what one had said into it still (there another means of secrecy and an additional safeguard against intrusion. It is true that during the half hour immediately following the installation of this convenience, there was a little violence among the brothers concerning a question of policy. Sam, Roddy and Verman—Verman especially— wished to use the tube "to talk through," and Maurice, Penrod and Herman wished to use it "to drink through." As a consequence of the through." success of the latter party, the shack became too damp for habitation until another day, and several members, as they went home at dusk, might easily

Still, not every shack is equipped with running water, and exuberance hefitted the occasion, Everybody

some marine catastrophe.



Fence and Search the Horizon for intruders.

agreed that the afternoon had beer one of the most successful and impor-tant in many weeks. The Order of the In-Or-In was doing splendidly; and yet every brother felt, in his heart, that there was one thing that could spoil it. Against that fatality, all were to protect themselves, the shack, the rixual, the opera glasses, and the wa ter and speaking tube. Sam spoke not only for himself but for the entire order when he declared, in speeding the ast parting guest:

"Well, we got to stick to one thing or we might as well quit! Georgie Bas-sett better not come pokin' around!" "No. sir!" said Penrod.

SEEKING HAPPINESS FUTILE

Experience Not Gained by Pursuit, but Comes to One Who Does Kind Deed Without Thinking of It.

Those who seek happiness never find rounds since philosophers began getting their words into print or upon graven tablets, observes the Dayton News. But it is well to repeat it occasionally, to keep it ever before the masses of humanity, that it may become so much a part, of our creed and

There is no greater unhappiness than that of pursuing happiness, for happiness is never overtaken by those who pursue it. Happiness comes to be officially decreed by National Administrator Garfield, and that it be efficiently decreed by National Administrator Garfield, and that it be efficiently decreed by National Administrator Garfield, and that it be efficiently decreased by National Administrator Garfield, and that it be efficiently decreased by National Administrator Garfield, and that it is a supplied to the supplied of the s piness. No man has ever yet followed a course of conduct with his own happlaces in view and achieved his pur

Service to others-that is all there is to life that savors of happiness. The service need not be great; it is given to few persons to be of great service se who are of great service do not realize it-they do not start out with that in view. To be kind and courteous and con-

siderate of the comfort of others-that is the service which brings happiness The man who helps a crippled old woman upon the street car is happied for doing so. The fellow who stops to wipe away the tear from the eyes of a child who bruised its hand; the woman who visits a sick neighbor to see if she can be of any use; the man who puts another in position to help him self—these little services are quite great in the realm of things that go to for happiness. And they are possible with all of us.

Embroidery might be called the

nousehold industry of Japan, and it is an industry-or an art, perhaps our would better say—that has been handed down in the same families for mar; generations. Men, as well as women are engaged in the work, which is done in the homes or in small shots where they have a few apprenticed usually from three to ten, and a num usually from three to ten, and a number of skilled embroiderers. The majority of the workers are men whe have been trained as apprentices to produce the finer grade of wrok which is demanded by the Japanese people There are probably about 1,500 in all now engaged in this industry, according to a recent estimate. Women do embroidery at home in some parts of Japan. This is done by the piece-wo.l system, upon which payment is base. The contractors supply their work with the materials needed.

sometimes the wholesale tends to this directly.

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TEUTONS AND REDS SIGN 21 DAY TRUCE

HOSTILITIES SUSPENDED ON ENTIRE FRONT FROM BLACK SEA TO BALTIC.

IN FORCE UNTIL JANUARY 14

Agreement Stipulates Armistice is to Continue Then Unless Seven Days Notice is Given .

Berlin, via London.-The German

war office announced Sunday: 'An armistice agreement was signed at Brest Litovsk yesterday by plent potentiary representatives of the Russian upper army administration on the one hand and those of the upper army administration of Germany, Austria Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey on the

"The armistice begins at noon, December 17, and remains in force until January 14, 1918. Unless seven days' notice is given it continues in force automatically. It extends to all the land, air and naval forces of the coin-

"According to Clause 9 of the treaty, peace negotiactions are to begin im-mediatly after the signing of an arm-

Petrograd.-Leon Trctzky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, declared at a meeting of the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates Sunday that an armistice governing operations on the Russian front had been signed. He added that peace negotiations would be begun immediately.

The foreign minister announced that for a time a break in the negotiations seemed imminent because General Hoffman, the German negotiatur, insisted on the right to transfer troops in small units. The German comman der finally accepted the Russian form-

"We can't and won't aid militarism in any way," M. Trtozky said, "This question of transferring troops was most fundamental. I think our formula is considered by our Allies to be satis facrtery "

The Russian delegates constituting the armistice committee at Brest-Litovsk have advised the Bolsheviki authorities at the Smolny Institute that an agreement was reached with the Germans concerning the transfer of troops. It was to this effect:

"Both sides signing this agreement bind themselves until January 1918, not to carry on operative military transfers on the front from the Baltic to the Black Sea, except such transfers as were already begun up to the moment of signing this agreement."

COAL SHIPS SEIZED IN DETROIT Drastic Action Taken to Relieve Fuel Famine.

Detroit-Spectacular, official action was taken by State Fuel Administrator W. K. Prudden, Saturday and Sunday to relieve the fuel famine that has been menacing Detroit and Michigan for several weeks past, and these developments resulted:

Four big lake freighters, consigned to ports on the upper lakes, and laden with approximately 34,000 tons of coal, were seized under special authorization of the national fuel adminstration and their cargoes diverted to industrial and domestic use in this

city and state.

Mr. Prudden sent to National Fuel Administrator Harry A. Garfield, at Washington, by telegraph, recommen dation that every large industrial plant in Detroit and Michigan, and throughout the nation, except those orimarily engaged in making munitions of war. shut down and absolutely suspend op erations, and that every theatre and all the oldest may realize the full meaning | public buildings and lodge halls, not needed for the successful prosecution of the war, close their doors for one

He suggested that the suspension

THREE AVIATORS DIE IN FIRE

Building at Training Camp Burns-One Was Detroit Man.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Three soldiers, nembers of the One Hundred and Thirteenth aero squadron U.S. Signal lost their lives when a building at Middletown, where the squadron is quartered, was destroyed by fire early Sunday.

The dead are: Private William J Kramer Detroit; Private E. F. Gallagher, Munhall, Pa.; Private L. Wiley Rockford, III.

The three men put some tar paper in a small stove before they went to sleep and it is believed a gas created, with combustion following.

Lapeer Man Writes From Front.

Lieutenant Schuyler Kudner says that during a recent French offensive was within three miles of the firing line and saw 16-year-old German boys being brought in as prisoners. says they were poorly fed and had been informed that it would be in possible to get Americans into France When they saw members of the Amer ican expeditionary force, they threw up their hands in despair. blame capitalists for the war

Paper Mills File Rate Complaint.

Lansing-Complaint has been filed with the interstate commerce mission at Washington by the Mich igan Paper Mills association against the Michigan Central, Lake Shore Chicago & Northwestern, C., B. & Q. Illinois Central, Pere Marquette, and other railroads. The paper manufacturers say that resent rates to central western points are unduly favorable to competing Wisconsin mills and ask the commission to prescribe new rates to place them on equal footing.

GREATER EFFICIENCY REDUCED COST

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The nation-wide cry of "More Effi-ciency" has now reached even the most remote agricultural sections and there is a general interest amongst the farmers to increase their products and to reduce their expenses. The neel of foodstuffs is greater than the world has ever before known, and every effort is being used to meet the world's food requirements, becoming morapparent every day. While it is true that this desire is attested by a gen-eral patriotism, there is an underlying factor in this extension work to secure some of the benefits that are being offered by a ready market at maximum prices. Wide-spread atten-tion has been given to the opportunity in this respect in Western Canada, where fortunes are being made in a few crops out of grain at present

It has been found that the open, level prairie can be cuitivated for vheat and other small grains at a minimum price, and during the past few years the yields have been more than satisfactory. Wheat crops of forty bushel to the acre have been common in Western Canada in the last three or four years, and with a present available price of over \$2.00 per bushel this means a return on investment and labor that cannot be duplicated elsewhere. This is made possible by the low priced lands that can be secured for grain growing. The range in price runs from \$15 to \$25 per acre, according to location and other local conditions. In this period of "more agricul-tural efficiency" it is apparent at a glance that the farmer on low priced but high grade lands, growing his grain at a minimum cost, is reaping a golden harvest with the highest percentage of profit.

lands has a big handicap to overcome in computing his profits on a \$200 an acre farm as compared with the agriculturist reaping as great, if not greater return from \$25 an acre land. It therefore becomes a question for the farmer himself to answer, whether he is doing himself and his country the best service, by devoting all his energies to working high priced land that yields no better return than land that can be secured at one-eighth the price. It is a case of getting either minimum or maximum quantity. Many have already decided on the alternative, and with their spare money invested in and now working Western

The cultivator of high priced farm

Canada lands, they are allowed to speak for themselves. Apparently they are satisfied, for we learn of cases where on a \$4,000 investment, in one year they have had their money back, with a profit of from 50% to 100%. Such is one of the steps in progressiveness now being demonstrated in the effort to create greater efficiency. The Canadian Government is using every effort to bring these conditions to the attention of the agricultural world, in order to secure the necessary increased grain production so greatly needed. The farmer in Western Canada is exempt from all personal taxes. His buildings, stock and implements are not assessed; and every encouragement is given to farmers to improve and increase their farm output. Reduced railway rates are being offered to new settlers to look over the country and to size up an unprecedented opportunity in farming. - Advertise

The Score.

Speaking of golfing in a Washington club, Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, referred to the great enthusiasm of the patrons of that game and fittingly recalled this little story:

Jones was a golf fan of the dyed-in-the-wool brand. When he wasn't playing golf he was talking golf, and bethese intervals he happily dreamed of putts and drives. One afternoon Jones ran across an elderly preacher from his boyhood town.

"By the way, Mr. Brown," said the polfer, after many reminiscences had een exchanged, "I must ask you about those three old maiden sisters who sed to live on Main street when I was n boy. I suppose they never left Jack-"Miss Ophelia and Miss Phoebe went

to heaven about two years ago," answered the parson, with the due amount of impressiveness, "but Miss Patience is still in Jacksonville."

"I see," musingly rejoined the golfing enthusiast, "2 up and 1 to go."hiladelphia Telegraph.

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they will surely sing that, perhaps the

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And, of course, "O Little Town of

these poor little waifs I was holding

sical instruments, trying to decide

The larger one of the hoys looked up

at me with a frightened look, as if to

say, "Oh, we didn't mean to steal any-thing," when I said, "Boys, would you

each like one of these harmonicons?" They said nothing, but the look of surprise (gratitude they knew nothing of)

when I put one in each boy's dirty lit

tle hands I shall not forget to my dying

day, and before you could say "Jack

Robinson" they were out of the store and out of sight. I turned to the young

woman, saying, "I will pay for them,

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which of the two kinds I would take.

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Easily Explained.

He was one of those officious fore men, one who tried to make those under his charge realize that he was somebody of importance. But one day he met his match.

Stepping up to the shop humorist,

"You're a minute late this morning." "I know, but there's a reason for it." "Explain."

'When I was comin' along to work I heard a man in the river vellin' for help. I ran to him, was pullin' him out, but let him drop again."

"But why didn't you save him?" likely," was the dry answer.

"Cos he was a foreman!"-Tit-Bits.

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Overdone.

On the car recently, says an exchange, two young ladies carried on this conversation: "Well, dearie, what are you doing

in this part of town?" "Oh, I've been to choir practice. You know we have moved into the new

"Is that so? It's lovely outside, but I haven't been in it yet. Is it nice?"
"Oh, it's wonderful—and so easy to

"Are the accoustics so good?" "Too good. The choir can hear ev

ery word of the sermon."

Picric Acid.

Picric acid as a high explosive was first heard of in a general way during the Boer war and in connection with the lyddie shells used by the



The Lonesome Home. Children should be seen and not heard, but it's a dull house where they

If you can't do the right thing it is better to remain idle.



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Dufresnay's Christmas Awakening

N Christmas morning of the year 1681 M. Dufresnay's apartments were in some confusion. Mon-sieur himself as he slept on a spindle legged sofa was not the very image of order. His rose colored satin coat was under his head, and his silk stockinged calves dangled over the end of his all too brief bed. The cards of yesterday and yesternight bestrewed the floor. He was disturbed by the insistent tinkling of a bell. Dufresnay grouned

and struggled to his feet. On opening the door he beheld a very beautiful young lady quaintly dis-

guised as a working woman and carry-ing a large basket such as laundresses use. Dufresnay retreated in confusion. owing profoundly and wrestling with

"I pray you pardon me, mademoiselle,

I did not expect a—a vision!"
"And I pray you, monsieur, not to mock me," she replied, with a wry lit-tle smile. "The last time I came your servant said you had no money. You owe me 17 livres."
Dufresnay gazed in speechless incre-

dulity for a moment and then burst out laughing.

"A merry Christmas to you, made-

moiselle!" he cried. "Is the basket for

"I wish you also a merry Christmas. But please, please listen to me. Perhaps the wine is not yet out of your head. But I must have money today.

Surely you can understand?"

Dufresnay partially mustered his wits and attempted an elaborate com-

our Arcadian Versailles and— By the "I have seen all the shepherdesses of goddess of the laundry, you are not crying! The basket is very heavy.

And here are actual shirts!"
He looked in comic perplexity from the hasket to the girl. Then he said gently. "Has no one ever told you how

beautiful you are?" "Certainly you are not the first to flatter me nor the first that failed to pay me, but," she added, and her eyes filled with tears, "I had better hopes of you. Fine words will not help me."
"I know they will not. What have I that will bring 17 livres? This ring?

"But that is a wedding ring."
"My mother's. And it is for my It is for you."

"That is a cruel jest. And I thought you were so different. You have never seen me before, but I live not far away, and I have often seen you. You ere not vourself now or you would not mock me so."
"I was never myself before," insist

ed Dufresnav.

At this moment a stately personage appeared in the doorway and rang the bell with great vigor.

A Christmas Prayer.

God grant no little child may go
With hungry heart or empty hand-

Give this thy world one radiant day

The spendthrift smile, the brave co

Disclose our hearts and give us now The courage of our tenderness!

Lord, we are old with toil and tears,

Our souls are veiled with various ar Yet still the little children keep

Thine ancient simpleness of heart

May bind the burning angel's eyes And, striking laughter from the sword,

They are so brave with love and

The faith they bore across the year.

The spendthrift smile, the kindly

we thy full commandments, Lord. —Dana Burnet.

think that we must give them now

That earth may keep its ancient hope

And they alone of all thy breath

Retrace the years to paradise.

So eager eyed and, ah, so dear! think we must return them now

dreams.

Lord.

To understand, to understand.

Give us the fitting word to say,

Dufresnay greeted him with delignt "Is his majesty returned to Paris? No? He is well?"

Turning to the girl, he said: "I am, Turning to the girl, he said: "Am, as perhaps you know, the king's poor kinsman, as poor as he is rich. M. Ribot has been the bearer of many good gifts. Monsieur, mademoiselle is my betrothed."

"Ahem! M. Dufresnay, his majesty intrusted me with this Christmas present for you—this purse of gold, 500 louis, I believe, and this commission creating you valet de chambre du roi, with a stipend of 100,000 livres per annum. I congratulate you, monsieur. As I have many other commissions to execute for his gracious majesty, I must humbly take my leave."

"Present my grateful thanks and Christmas wishes to his majesty." M. Ribot made his departure with

somewhat the air of one who gladly takes leave of questionable company. "May I also congratulate you, monsieur?" timidly ventured the girl. "You can pay me now," she added rather

"You see my establishment-how I live. Could not the order of these



"I Did Not Expect a Vision!"

apartments be improved? Will you abandon me smid such ruins? The abbe who ministers in the church you-

der is my good friend."
"Why, he is also my abbe!"

"Wonderful! White lambs and black are alike his care. I am a most unlucky gamester. And you can give me better luck than ever came of winning. On my honor, I love you. And the abbe will be very glad to see us. Shall we not make the good old man happy? "If you will, monsieur."-W. R. Van

Deusen in New York Evening Sun.

Christmas.

During the reformation the custom of observing Christmas was looked upon in England as sacrilegious. Puritans were working toward its abolish ment; and finally in December 24, 1652, parliament ordered "That no observance shall be had of the five and twen tieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in the churches

Then Christmas became a day of work and no cheer. The love of fun which must find vent was expended at similar to that formerly, observed at Christmas. Christmas has never regained its former prestige in England. Year after year it has been more observed in churches and families, but not in the wild bolsterous hearty style

Year. Your pockets full of money and your cellar full of beer."

-Yuletide in Many Lands.

upon that day in respect thereof."

Year, when the celebration was of olden times . . . when the mur-murs of yore bade to each and all: "A merry Christmas and a happy New

> Music, mechanical, mirrors or lamps, Turkeys for orphans and newsboys

saints.

Perhaps, too, they will sing what is said to be the earliest known Christmas carol, dating from the Anglo-Nor man days of the thirteenth century, which begins:

Lordlings, listen to our lay-

We have come from far away
'To seek Christmas.
In this mansion we are told
He his yearly feasts doth hold;
'Tis today!

May joy come from God above To all those who Christmas love.

This carol ends with the toast of hose days: "Here, then, I bid you all wassail.

cursed be he who will not say drink-hall." Wassail" menning your health and "drinkhall" being the usual and ourteous acknowledgment.

One of the best known of all the old carols, although not one of the oldest, was written by Nahum Tate in 1703 and is called the "Song of the Angels." It begins:

While shepherds watched their flocks by night.

All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down And glory shone around.

Many are the carols in which Britain's ancient holly figures, "Then drink to the holly berry," pledges one writer of songs, while another in "Under the Holy Bough" summons "All ye who have scorned each other or injur-ed friend or brother, come gather here." And then there's that grand old hymn "Adeste Fideles," sung in every church in this land and in others, at this Christmas season:

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!

Come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem! Christmas would not be Christmas, of course, if the "waits" were to neg-lect one other of the most beautiful of old carols:

Holy night, peaceful night!
Through the darkness beams a light. Holy night, peaceful night! Through the darkness beams a light! Yonder, where they sweet vigits keep O'er the babe who, in silent sleep, Rests in heavenly peace, Rests in heavenly peace.

If there are any of you who have In several American cities has been revived the beautiful old custom of the in mind an after Christmas dinner even ng of song to the accompaniment of a 'waits" going about from house to harpsichord, a spinet, a lute or a piano or even the modern and much adver-Light the Christmas candles in your ised disk machine, it might be well to window if you want them to stop be-fore your home! try this on the company:

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing. Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn king; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies, With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hark! The herald angles sing, Glory to the newborn king!



my change and package she said, "I shall never forget this day; it has taught me a lesson."

Both Exhibited.

"When a girl gets a set of furs for a Christmas present she loses no time In putting them on and going out to let people see how they look,"

"And in the case of silk stockings?" have observed on the streets, the same remark applies to silk stockings,"-

when I noticed the tears in her eyes.

When she finally found her voice she Potted plants, such as cyclamen said, "Oh, madam, I am so sorry spoke as I did." "Well, never mind," ferns, primulas, double or single petunias, palms, or rubber plants, make said; "you didn't understand. I am excellent Christmas gifts. Pots of the mother of two boys and know what bulbs, such as tulips When she handed me hyacinths, are also often used.

Tuning Up For Christmas

With a whirl and a swirl and a terri- Gifts that are fluffy and gifts that are ble roar It blew in at evening from an arctic grim;
A necklace for Jessie, a scarfpin for shore; Traffic it blocked and the treacherous Full sets of the classics and gleaming

gold pieces Glisters and twinkles with silvery Suitable—very—for succet little nieces.

Calendars, virtuous, witty or wise,
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> Ounics there be who deride and defy But we, in our dreams, even buy them

and tie them!

As ever old winter, with snowdrift and Transmutes the whole town into Santo

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The Christmas Day. This day shall change all griefs and quarrels into love. Shakespeare.

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Too Few Have Troubled to Study Re cent Development of Gifted Race of Men, Says Writer.

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Nations at war like men in their cups, are apt to reveal the whole truth. Shams, make-believes, sterile hypocrisles fall to earth, the traditional self fades into a dim background and a nation stands forth naked, its true

Latent passions fanned to flame by war sear the soul and fuse inherited characteristics into new elements, so that the real temper of a people stands revealed, illuminated by the fires that

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"Put that filthy fly down!" commanded the mother

The child was plainly disturbed. "Put it down. What are you doing

with it?" the mother repeated. The child answered with action. He put the fly on the top of the globe, then spun it around quickly. The fly

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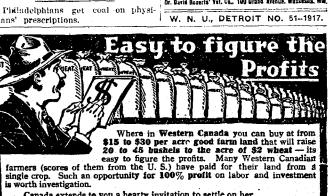
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the normal for this country, but which

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"We quote from a letter dated No-

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"This nation is at war; sugar is

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MUST NOT ADVERTISE SUGAR. "The president in his message of Tuesday touched upon further price legislation with the remark "The law

of supply and demand I am sorry to say has been replaced by the law of

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have been entirely without sugar for

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prompt action is voluntarily taken by

all wholesalers, retailers and consum

ers to economize with supplies receiv-

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A Christmas Greeting

This being my fourth Xmas in your midst I wish to take pleasure in wishing you one and all a Merry Xmas; [1] also to thank you for the courtesy shown me as a dealer trying to supply your wants and trusting that I have been of the greatest service to you.

the normal for this country, but which must be divided with our allies who are using it in a manner so sparing that, were Americans to be put on the same rations, they would think they been of the Register of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for said County of Crawford, February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F of Deeds for s also to thank you for the courtesy shown me as a dealer

FOR MEN AND BOYS

Men's Wool Sox actually worth 65c, for 45c. One lot worth 75c and

85c for 65c, 2 for \$1.25. Don't forget men's

fleeced shirts and draw-75c values.

8 to 14, starting at \$2.98.

Matches, six boxes for

Some of the better grades at \$5.50 and \$6.50 actually worth 7.00 and

One line of men's Mackinaws at 8.85 worth

10.00, worth 14.00.

A few sheep lined mole skin coats at a bargain, while they last.

Everything in my line of Graniteware 8c each.

Men's suits have been moving rapidly. It is the price that's doing it.

Men's Soo and Malone wool pants at nearly

sweaters, roll collars 1.59, actually worth 1.75 to

last; good colors.

LADIES' COATS and SUITS

Ladies' Coats are down to about 50 in number. There is big reductions on all coats. Here is your opportunity.

Ladies' Suits in brown, blue, black, ranging in price from \$18.00 to \$35.00. All satin lined; latest styles; these will be sold at 25 per cent off and more on a few special numbers.

Ladies' Kid Shoes in black, brown, gray, high top, from \$5.50 to

Blankets! Blankets!!

Starting at \$1.48 and \$2.98. Special bargains.

Good Suit Cases at \$1.35.

Everybody is taking note of our

Children's fleece lined underclothes, in union suits or separate pieces, in all sizes and prices, below those of today.

Men's Gloves and Mittens are moving fast, as these were bought before prices advanced and some carried over at 75c and \$1.00, actually worth 1.25 and 1.50.

Canvas Gloves two pair for 25c

Don't forget to come to Frank's for your rubbers. I have them in all styles and colors, in noted straight line and other good makes.

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The Lemon Colored Store opp. the Jail

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Grayling

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Auto Tires ... 5.00 "
Copper Wire ... 21.00 "
Red Brass ... 19.00 "
Yellow Brass ... 13.00 "
Tin Foil ... 30.00 "

Cheboygan, Michigan

To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the land

enced by constitutional conditions, fully made of the following described and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicione is taken internally and acts for, and that you are entitled to a resofthe system. Hall's Catarrh Mediciones and the best formand and the system. of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in extarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, of the sheriff for the service of the system. Hall's conveyance thereof at any time with this year is but a little over 30 days, while in other years it has been from this composed of some of the best ton-licis known, combined with some of the best ton-best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's purchase, together with one hundred per cent additional thereto, and the service or pany will run more than a week or pany will run more than a week or place of but this year is but a little over 30 days, while in other years it has been from the sugar factories. The North this year is but a little over 30 days, while in other years it has been from 80 to 100 days. The Michigan Sugar Co.'s factory quits slicing beets today, the Columbia Co.'s plant here will run about a week longer and it is not likely that the West Bay City company will run more than a week or pany will run more than a week or pan

Description of land situated in Crawford county, state of Michigan. The East half of the Northwest quarter of Sec 34, Town 26N. Range 1W. Amount paid \$7.95 tax for year 1913.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$20.90

ges on said land.

Proof of failure of service.
State of Michigan |
County of Crawford |
I do hereby certify and return, that after making careful inquiry and search I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or postoffice address of Samuel H. Crowl, James Davidson, Margaret Davidson and Ebenezer J.

Weight and John P. Phillips, or either or any of them.

herein described: Take notice that sale has been lawbe computed as upon personal service pany will run more than a week or of a declaration as commencement of ten days. All of the other Michigan or a declaration as commencement or suit, and the further sum of five dol-lars for each description without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceed-ings for possession of the land.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$20.90 to which must be added the fees of the sheriff. Yours respectfully, Henry A. Bauman.
Place of business: Grayling, Mich. Dated October 29, A. D. 1917.
To Samuel H. Crowl, James Davidson, Margaret Davidson and Ebenezer J. Wright. Grantees under the last recorded deed, in the regular chain of title, to said land.
John P. Phillips mortgagee, named in all undischarged recorded Mortgages on said land.
Proof of fallure of service.

rright and John ...
rrany of them.
Dated December 3rd, 1917.
W. H. Cody,
Sheriff of said county.

Chamberiain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, bil-iousness and constipation, and have iousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent releif, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for billousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Telling how to care and treat the sick and alling—mailed absolutely free on required by taking Chamberlain's and alling—mailed absolutely free on required by taking Chamberlain's new York.

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Whereas, default having been made n the payment of the money secured Sugar Plants Operate Only a Third As Long As Usual.

People of Bay City and the rest of Stephan of the Village of Grayling. County of Crawford and State of just as freely, or nearly so, as they ever did before war times, are due to receive a rude jolt says the Bay City times—Tribune, unless they begin to help in the nation's plan of conserving the supply which is not only below the normal for this country, but which

In the payment of the money secured by a morigage dated the twenty-eignth day of August, A. D. 1916, by Cora and all interests in or liens upon the land herein described:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes they begin to help in the nation's plan of conserving times—Tribune, unless they begin to help in the nation's plan of conserving the supply which is not only below the normal for this country, but which

some or the rules laid down by the of this notice is Ten hundred and fifty under distributing committee of the Federal Food Administration. The letter is in part as follows:

"It now is, or should be, a well known fact that the United States government through the Food administration has determined upon a forced reduction in this country as a war and the further sum of twenty-five dollars as an attorney fee stipulated for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings having been instituted at law or in chancery to recover the debt now remaining unpaid, secured by said mortgage where by the power of said sale in said mortgage as the second properties. reduction in this country as a war ga e has become operative measure towards providing increased

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Now therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder there for at the front door of the court house, in the village of Grayling, Michigan. (that being the place of holding the circuit court for said county) on the ninth day of Marchd A. D. 1918 at 10:00 o'clock of said day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quart shortage in the United States and ier of the same place in Crawford County Michigan.

Dated December 11th 1917

Attorney for Assignee. quarter of a pound to one pound per Account of the Michigan-Ohio district has Business Address, Grayling Mich 12-13-13

Notice by Purchaser Under Tax Sale.

ty in which the lands lie, of all additional cost or charges. bounds of sugar in the store and secured a box to ship it to his mother or cost of publication of this noin New York city, saying that she tice, to be computed as upon had been unable to obtain sugar there personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the Later the purchaser told the grocer further sum of five dollars for that when his mother received the each description without other

proceedings for possession of the

County of Crawford, to-wit:

The Northwest (N. W. frl. 1/4) fractional quarter of Section one (1), town Three (3) West, containing 138.17 acres

Amount paid \$9.31. Taxes for 1913. Addison M. DeCoudres. 12-13-5

deal of sugar is wasted in restaurants by people who put greater quantities fees of the sheriff for the service into their tea or coffee than they need or use, and the cutting off of this waste is to be the first step taken in the state to limit the use of sugar, as companyed of suit and the by people who put greater quantities fees of the sheriff for the service

Amount paid \$8.93. Taxes for 1913. ADDISON M. DECOUDRES.

Notice by Purchaser Under Tax

To the owner or owners of any WITCH HAZEL OINTMEN

described land for unpaid taxes One application brings relief, thereon, and that the undersigned Price 25c., at all druggists or The Michigan Beet Sugar Brokers' mortgages on page 543, at 3 o.clock committee has sent warning to dealmin. and the same is now owned by the committee has been warning to dealhim.

Register in Chancery of the Countries of the lands lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, the supply is very limited and quoting some of the rules laid down by the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this nopersonal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the Manistee & N. E. R. R. further sum of five dollars for each description without other

and all interests in or liens upon the land herein described: Take notice that sale has been

lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of must not expect any consideration from this committee.

"We wish to add that it is quite possible that the food administration may decide at any moment to draw from and thereby reduce this district's present supplies in relieving the food administration lawfully made of the following trict's present supplies in relieving the room and that the undersigned taxes trict's present supplies in relieving the room and that the undersigned taxes the room this committee.

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anything about the sugar shortage is shown in an incident which occurred shown in an incident which occurred controlling the proceedings for procedings for procedings for procedings for proceedings for procedings for proc snown in an incident which occurred in a local grocery. A man bought 10 cent additional thereto, and the proceedings for possession of the

Situated in the County of Crawford State of Michigan, to wit:

The East half (E. ½) of Northeast quarter (N. E. ¼) of Section thirty-four (34), Township Twenty-eight North (28 N.), Range two (2) West. Containing 80 acres more or less. Amount paid \$18.38. Taxes for 1913

Addison M. DeCoudres. Place of business: 2027 Ridge Ave. Evanston, Ills. 11-29-5

State of Michigan.
The Circuit Court for the County of Crawford. In Chancery.
Nettie Hamel, Plaintiff.

Vs.

Frederic Hamel, Defendant.
Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, In Chancery, on the 1st day of November, A. D. 1917, at the Village of Grayling, in the said County of Crawford.

It satisfactorily appearing to the court by affidavit on file that a chancery summons has been duly issued out of and under the seal of said court, for the appearance of said defendant for the appearance of said defendant

in the state to limit the use of sugar, but that others are sure to follow shortly is almost certain, and this is likely to come in the form of limiting to a very small amout the quantity which each family may purchase at a time.

each description without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, to-wit:

The North half (N. ½) of Northeast quarter (N. E. ½) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Twenty-five North (25N.) Range Three (3) West, containing 80 acres more or less.

Amount naid \$8, 93. Taxes for 1913.

Attorney for Plaintiff. Business Address:

West Branch, Michigan.

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(COMPOUNE) For Piles or Hemorrhoids. Take notice that sale has been External or Internal, Blind or lawfully made of the following Bleeding, Itching or Burning.

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Read Down.	Read Up.
17.00 12.25 lv Grayling ar	P. M. P M †1.50 †2.15
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